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President Ronald Reagan meets with Israeli President Yitzhak Shamir and Israel's defense minister Moshe Arens, right, in the White House Oval Office. [AP photo]

Strategic cooperation

Israel-U.S. strike accord

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

With last week's visit to Washington by Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, Israel and the U.S. have reinforced their already close military and political ties.

After two days of talks in the White House, Shamir and President Ronald Reagan agreed to establish a joint U.S.-Israel political/military group which presages even closer strategic cooperation between the two nations.

Israel and the U.S. have had an unusually intimate relationship since the 1967 Six Day War, policy differences notwithstanding, and the agreement which has now been worked out promises to deepen their relations.

This strategic cooperation may well include combined planning, joint exercises and the stockpiling of U.S. military and medical supplies in Israel.

More details will presumably emerge in January, when the political/military group meets in Washington. According to reports, meetings will then be conducted on a semi-annual basis, in both the U.S. and Israeli capitals.

It is too early to tell whether all will go well, for it should be recalled that an earlier attempt at formal strategic cooperation in 1981 foundered just a few weeks after it got off the ground.

The memorandum of strategic understanding signed in that year by U.S. and Israeli representatives collapsed because of American displeasure with Israel's annexation of the Golan Heights. And in the Knesset, the Labor Party attacked the accord as a gratuitous provocation of the Soviet Union.

At first glance, the agreement hammered out last week after months of preparation and speculation goes beyond the 1981 version in that it envisages joint maneuvers and a greater public willingness by the U.S. to check Syrian ambitions in the region.

Otherwise, however, the agreement in broad terms is much like its 1981 predecessor, whose shelf life was barely three weeks.

Reagan, in a statement, said that the political / military committee would focus its priority "to the threat to our mutual security by increased Soviet involvement in the Middle East." The President, who described Israel as a "close friend and ally," spoke as well of "the common concern with the Soviet presence and arms buildup in Syria."

In the past 12 months, Syria has taken delivery of vast quantities of Soviet weaponry — jets, tanks, artillery, missiles — and has thus expanded its armed forces, alarming Israel and the U.S. (See Mideast Analysis, page 6.)

As Reagan stressed, the U.S. has no plans to attack Syria in collusion with Israel, despite a recent charge by Secretary of Defence Caspar Weinberger that the Syrians sponsored the alleged Iranian truck-bombing of Marine

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Security measures lax at dinner for Shamir

By
RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

WASHINGTON —

Security measures were shockingly absent as far as I could determine.

We arrived at 7 p.m. at the state department, for a dinner given by Vice-President George Bush in honor of Yitzhak Shamir's first visit to Washington as Israel's Prime Minister.

"You're coming to the dinner?" a lady at the entrance suggested pleasantly. "This way please," she directed us. She did not ask for our name nor a written invitation.

I assumed there would be a thorough security check upstairs. There was none . . . none whatsoever. Yet the vice-president, the secretary of state, George Shultz, and the secretary of defence, Caspar Weinberger, would be there, as would be the latter's Israeli counterpart Moshe Arens, and assorted ambassadors like Meir Rosenne and Jeane Kirkpatrick. Not to mention a good many members of Congress, leaders of American Jewry and an amplitude of media people like Barbara Walters.

Nothing happened, fortunately, but I felt that somehow the arrangements paralleled the laxness which led to

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Welcome for POWs raises controversy

JERUSALEM [JTA] —

President Chaim Herzog has become involved in controversy since his public remark last week that the six Israeli soldiers released recently in a prisoner-of-war exchange with the Palestine Liberation Organization had surrendered "shamefully" to the PLO when they were captured in Lebanon in September, 1982.

The parents of the six soldiers have accused him of singling out their sons for unjust condemnation.

The President said on a television interview that he had intended no personal criticism of the young men when he "absolutely agreed" with former chief of staff, Gen. Rafael Eitan, that they did not deserve the heroes' welcome they received on their return from captivity.

The Israel Defence Force must decide the circumstances of their case, Herzog said.

He explained that it was his intention only to stress the vital need to maintain the IDF's high standards and traditions of soldierly conduct.

Some of Israel's leading commentators agreed with Herzog last week when they had sober second thoughts about the heroes' welcome accorded to the Israeli soldiers.

They pointed out that the capture of the six Israelis was hardly a glorious or edifying episode. The soldiers were not captured during a fight and no shots were fired.

"Yet champagne was poured on their heads as though they were some winning basketball team," wrote military commentator Nathan Dunevitz, recalling the far more modest celebrations that greeted the return of Yom Kippur War POWs.

Shalom Cohen's article in the Jerusalem Post, headlined "Sorry Spectacle," denounced their frenzied reception as "verging on infantilism."

According to Cohen, the "double-think of turning an unavoidable surrender to blackmail into a victory to be celebrated leads to dishonest obscurantism. . . . We descend to a level of a TV serial like Dallas . . . that of canned myth."

Trudeau wants Israelis to leave the West Bank

Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau, in a press conference winding up his whirlwind trip to the Persian Gulf last week, called for a Palestinian homeland and a withdrawal of Israeli forces from the occupied territories.

Speaking in Kuwait, Trudeau said:

"The Palestinians should be given their rights, a homeland in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. Consequently, we ask that Israel withdraw and its settlement policy be stopped and reversed."

The Canadian leader, on the last leg of his 19-day peace mission, said the Palestinians "should be at the centre of any settlement to the Arab-Israeli wars."

Trudeau said the Palestinians should elect their own leaders — including PLO chairman Yasser Arafat — to presumably negotiate with the Israelis.

He said he supported President Ronald Reagan's 1982 peace plan — which Israel rejected out of hand — but added that it didn't go far enough in recognizing the possibility of a Palestinian homeland.

Trudeau's statement, it would appear, is almost consistent with Canadian policy. Recently, External Affairs Minister Allan MacEachen said the Palestinians should have a homeland, if not a state, and he described Israel's settlements as illegal and an obstacle to peace.

However, MacEachen did not say that Arafat should play a role in peace negotiations. He did say that the PLO is "obviously an important organization."

Jews in Syria and Iran "in virtual house arrest"

LONDON [JTA] —

Former U.S. Supreme Court Justice Arthur Goldberg called here last week for the creation of an international judicial commission to catalogue the losses suffered by former Jewish inhabitants of Arab countries.

Delivering the keynote address at the 3-day second international conference of the world Organization of Jews from Arab Countries (WOJAC), Goldberg said that a definite report, compiled by leading Jewish and non-Jewish jurists, was essential if appropriate redress were ever to be made for the dispossession of the former Jewish populations of the Arab world.

Goldberg, a former ambassador to the United Nations, urged the conference to speak up for the 6,800 Jews of Syria and the 60,000 Jews in Iran who he said were in "virtual house arrest."

He added: "For too long your voice has been silent."

Goldberg recalled his role in drafting United Nations Security council Resolution 242.

He said that its call for a just solution of the refugee problem was deliberately passed in such a way as to take account of the mass Jewish exodus from Arab lands as well as the Arab flight from Palestine.

Restitution for Arab Jewry was also explicitly provided for in the Camp David Accords, he said.

Leon Tamman, the Sudanese-born chairman of the WOJAC, also appealed to the government of the Yemen Arab Republic to permit the remnants of Yemenite Jewry to emigrate.

Tamman, a British resident with world-wide business interests, devoted most of his speech to a denunciation of the Arab countries' treatment of the Palestinian issue but made a passionate plea for Arab and Israel leaders to "let bygones be bygones" and for a genuine settlement of the conflict between "the descendants of Abraham, father of all nations."

Commonwealth nations want Israeli withdrawal

NEW DELHI —

Commonwealth nations, Canada included, concluding a week-long conference, issued a statement last week on the Middle East calling for an Israeli withdrawal from occupied territories.

Most of the heads of state — but not Canada — also described the PLO as "the sole and legitimate representative of the Palestinian people."

They added that the Palestinian people "must be involved on an equal footing in the negotiations for a settlement."

Canada did not subscribe to this section of the communique because the government, as External Affairs Minister Allan MacEachen said recently, does not officially recognize the PLO.

World-National

Human rights ignored by most nations

By
RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

Thirty-five years ago, on Dec. 10, 1948, the General Assembly of the United Nations adopted and proclaimed the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. After the vote the Assembly called on all member countries to publicize the text of the Declaration and "to cause it to be displayed, read and expounded, principally in schools and other educational institutions, without distinction based on the political status of country's territories."

Rabbi Plaut

Canada is a signatory to the Declaration, and so is Israel.

The document consists of a preamble and 30 articles. Since human rights are perceived differently in various countries, quite obviously the language of the Declaration was couched in a manner acceptable to East and West. At the time of its passage the Western countries still had a voting plurality — something that has changed radically since those days.

There is good reason to believe that were the Declaration to be debated today it would probably fail to pass.

Thus, Article 9 states: "No one shall be subjected to arbitary arrest, detention or exile."

Or take Article 13 (2): "Everyone has the right to leave any country including his own, and to return to his country." There are Jews in Syria and in Soviet Russia who would love to take advantage of this provision.

Article 18 speaks of the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion; this right includes freedom to change one's religion or belief, and freedom either alone or in community with others and in public or private, to manifest one's religion or belief in teaching, practice, worship and observance.

Article 19 says: "Everyone has the right to freedom of opinion and expression; the right includes freedom to hold opinions without interference and to seek, receive and impart information and ideas through any media and regardless of frontiers."

A similar high principle is enunciated in Article 21 which assures to everyone "the right to take part in the government of his country, directly or through freely chosen representatives."

It is easy to be cynical about both the Declaration and the anniversary celebrations which will take place around the world. The United Nations which brought the Declaration about is presently at the nadir of its brief history. It has rarely prevented war; the rhetoric heard within its august halls is more often inflammatory than peaceful and its votes have little to do with justice and everything with political and economic alignments.

The Declaration of Human Rights was to be a great incentive for turning the world to a more liberal, more humane, more decent course of action, but it soon became evident that there were a number of nations who had no intention whatever to abide by the high principles of the Declaration. They went on suppressing human rights at home and the record can hardly pretend to have improved during the last 35 years.

If things are so bad, then why are people celebrating?

Because the Declaration is and remains a noble expression of human idealism. It represents a goal toward which we ought to strive; it is a landmark of the human spirit.

The fact that many nations fail to honor it only underscores the need for the standards it proclaims.

We do not scoff at the Prophets because their injunctions have not yet been carried out to the full; we continue to study them as guidelines for our lives. We may think little of the current politics of the world nations. Still, we recognize the Declaration as a noble document and, therefore, have good reason to celebrate.

"I am thinking of the Palestinian people"

Shultz seeks answer to West Bank

By
WOLF BLITZER

WASHINGTON — Secretary of State George Shultz is deeply committed to the concept of improving the lives of West Bank and Gaza residents even before any political negotiations involving Israel, Jordan and the local Palestinians get off the ground.

Behind his thinking are both humanitarian and political concerns.

For one thing, he sincerely wants to ease the nature of Israel's military occupation in the territories. He is convinced that this will be beneficial for Israel as well. In the process, the secretary hopes to create a better climate for eventually establishing genuine negotiations to resolve the sensitive political problems.

Thus, late last summer, Shultz quietly dispatched a team of senior state department officials to the West Bank to study the most pressing day to day problems of the Palestinians living there. That delegation included William Kirby, a veteran Near Eastern Affairs Bureau foreign service officer, and Peter Rodman of the policy planning staff who served for many years as one of Henry Kissinger's top aides.

As a result of Shultz's well-known desire to help the Palestinians, various option papers have been generated by Kirby and Rodman as well as by many others in the department, including one highly controversial scheme — since discarded — to resettle large numbers of Palestinian refugees currently living outside the West Bank in the U.S.

Most recently, Shultz's concern surfaced in his lengthy speech on the Middle East delivered Nov. 19 before the Council of Jewish Federations in Atlanta. That speech included a section on what Shultz called "the human dimension of the Middle East conflict."

"I am thinking of the Palestinian people," Shultz said. "The Palestinians have been victimized above all by their self-appointed leaders and spokesmen who, for decades, have chased the illusion of military options and foolishly rejected the only possible path to a solution: direct negotiations.

"The utter failure of rejectionist policies ought to be obvious by now. But I am thinking in particular of the 1.3 million Palestinians living in the West Bank and Gaza. Their wellbeing, their desire for a greater voice in determining their own destiny, must be another issue of moral concern, even while we continue to pursue an agreed solution to the final status of the occupied territories.

"If their acceptance of a peaceful future with Israel is to be nurtured, they must be given some stake in that future by greater opportunities for economic development, by fairer administrative practices, and by greater concern for the quality of their lives."

In this respect, Shultz once again strongly urged Israel to freeze settlement activity. The secretary, sounding very much like many Israeli critics of the Likud-led coalition government, warned that the military occupation was having a negative impact on Israel itself. "The moral burden of the occupation can undermine the values on which Israel was founded and can divide its society," he said.

It is this attitude toward the West Bank and the entire Palestinian question which has raised questions among some very pro-Israel observers in Washington about the real willingness of Shultz and other administration officials to establish genuine and open strategic cooperation with Israel.

Thus, Dr. Joseph Churba, a former U.S. Air Force Middle East intelligence analyst who later joined the Reagan adminsitration's arms control and disarmament agency, charged in an interview that talk of strategic cooperation was "simply a trap." The administration's motives, he insisted, were "not genuine." The U.S., he said, was motivated by "expediency, designed to remove the Marines from Lebanon," and by an effort "to neutralize" American Jews in advance of next year's presidential elections.

"It would be genuine," he said, "only if they stopped talking about Israel having to give up the West Bank and if they dismissed (Defence Secretary Casper) Weinberger and shook up the department of defence."

Churba, a private defence consultant today, cautioned Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Defence Minister Moshe Arens against being "taken in" by all the talk of strategic cooperation. "First, the administration must abrogate the Reagan plan," Churba said.

George Shultz and his wife during visit to Yad Vashem. [Uzi Keren photo]

But that, of course, is out of the question. No U.S. President ever publicly backs away from such sweeping foreign policy declarations. They certainly do not like to admit failure to the entire world.

The fact is that in this particular case, however, Reagan, Shultz and other senior administration leaders sincerely believe that their plan still might have some life left in it. They have been moderately encouraged by the events in Tripoli these past few weeks. They are counting on Jordan's King Hussein to take another close look at the U.S. plan in the wake of Yasser Arafat's weakened status.

"King Hussein has pointedly and courageously raised the question of whether the PLO, if dominated by Syria, can continue to claim legitimacy as spokesman for the Palestinian people," Shultz said in Atlanta. "The outcome of this struggle is sure to have implications for Jordan, the Palestinians, and the future of the peace process. For our part, the door will always be kept open for a negotiation in accordance with the President's Sept. 1 initiative."

At the same time, Shultz rejected the notion that presidential campaigning in the U.S. will effectively block U.S. diplomacy in the Middle East. "Ronald Reagan has no intention of letting the search for peace lapse," Shultz said. "We cannot afford to. Let it never be said that the U.S. was too busy practicing politics to pursue peace."

Going into the recent Reagan-Shamir summit, it was very clear that there remained a fundamental difference of opinion between Washington and Jerusalem over the Palestinian question.

For Shultz and company — despite their highly publicized efforts to improve ties with Israel — resolving the Palestinian question was still seen as fundamental to achieving any long-range, genuine stability in the region. In short, it was regarded as the core of the conflict.

For Israel, on the other hand, there was a determination to de-emphasize the Palestinian question. This was especially obvious during President Chaim Herzog's visit to the U.S. — a visit which was a prelude to the Shamir-Arens journey.

"The Israeli-Arab conflict is not, in my view, the central problem in the Middle East, as far as world peace is concerned," Herzog told the National Press Club in Washington on Nov. 23. "Those who point to it as such are wilfully — or because of lack of understanding of the issues and their implications — misleading public and indeed world opinion and ignoring a situation fraught with danger for the world. Because, if the Israel-Arab conflict is resolved, by whatever means it is resolved, the main centres of bloodshed, warfare and instability will persist."

He referred to the troubles in Iran, Iraq, Afghanistan, the civil war in Lebanon, the Horn of Africa, Yemen, Chad, the Western Sahara, "all unconnected with our dispute with the Arab countries." (CJN Dec. 1).

But while Shultz worries about those problems, he is still very much part of the traditional U.S. foreign policy mindset which has placed the Palestinian question at the top of the agenda. Shultz and these other U.S. officials see their willingness to strenghten U.S.-Israeli strategic relations as having a potentially positive spinoff on the Palestinian question and other matters dealing with the moderate Arab states.

Thus, John Goshko, the state department correspondent of The Washington Post, wrote on Nov. 22 that the U.S. "hopes that Israel will reciprocate by showing greater flexibility toward American dealings with the Arab world, first in achieving a Lebanon solution that will permit withdrawal of the Marines and then on broader issues like defending the Gulf."

That means less Israeli opposition to U.S. arms sales to Jordan, Saudi Arabia and other friendly Arab countries. Shultz is also hoping, Goshko said, that "a restructured relationship with Israel eventually might make that nation more amendable to resolving the Palestinian problem which Shultz regards as the root cause of Mideast tensions."

Reagan marks holiday at candle lighting service

By
JOSEPH POLAKOFF

WASHINGTON — **President Reagan lit the fifth Chanukah candle Sunday in celebration of the fifth day of Chanukah at the Jewish Community Centre of Greater Washington in the suburban community of Rockville, Md.**

The act by the President was hailed as a historic incident in that, for the first time, a U.S. President went to a Jewish communal building to perform such a ceremony.

The White House announced three days before the event that the President would go by helicopter from the White House to Rockville for the ceremony.

The event was initiated by the public liaison staff at the White House, according to Deana Morrison, the public information director of the Jewish Centre. She said staff members became aware of the festival programs at the centre and informed the President about them.

He replied that he wanted to participate . . . and the arrangement followed.

At the White House The CJN was told that Michael Gale, assistant director of the Office of Public Liaison, whose duties include relations with the Jewish community, conceived the idea.

In another observance of Chanukah in Washington, the Lubavitchers again erected, for the fifth year, their giant menorah with its electrically lighted candles at Lafayette Square, directly opposite the White House.

Bronfman calls dinner a "community love-in"

Hecht recipient of Ben-Gurion Negev Award

By
JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL — A "community love-in," in the words of Charles Bronfman was held last week at Congregation Shaar Hashomayim for Thomas O. Hecht, a man lauded for his "passionate commitment and exemplary generosity" in a multitude of community activities.

"This tribute dinner is a community outpouring of affection and regard," Bronfman told the close to 500 persons from Canada, the United States, Israel and Europe in attendance at the elegant black-tie affair.

The principal guest speaker was Alexander Haig, former U.S. secretary of state and former supreme allied commander of NATO.

Greetings were also brought on behalf of the government of Canada by Donald Johnston of both economic development and science and technology, and of the government of Israel by Eliyahu Ben-Elissar, chairman of the Knesset foreign relations committee.

Haig is a personal friend of Hecht's sister, Madeleine Feher of Brussels, whom Haig met while in that city for his NATO duties. Feher was at the dinner to introduce Haig.

The dinner was organized by the Canadian Association of Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Montreal Branch, and former Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin, a personal friend of Hecht's, headed up the tribute committee as honorary patron.

Others on the international honorary committee included House of Commons speaker Jeanne Sauve, W. Earle McLaughlin, former Royal Bank of Canada president, speaker of the French senate Alain Poher, Israeli Opposition Leader Shimon Peres and Israeli ambassador to the United Nations Yehuda Blum.

Martin Levine was dinner chairman.

Hecht was presented with the Ben-Gurion Negev Award, the university's highest distinction, by its president, Maj. Gen. Shlomo Gazit. The only other recipients of the award in Canada are Saidye Bronfman, Chief Justice Bora Laskin, and former Bank of Canada Governor Louis Rasminsky.

Dinner campaign chairman Gordon Brown announced that a half-million dollars has already been raised for a unique, integrated community health clinic to be established by Ben-Gurion universtiy in the Negev development town of Yeruham. The clinic will be named in honor of Hecht.

This clinic will provide comprehensive health care to Yeruham and the surrounding area. To be operated by a board representative of the local community, the clinic will maintain a constantly updated computerized health data bank of Yeruham's population and decide on the needs of the area.

The clinic will serve as an experiment and model for integrated health programs for other communities in Israel and elsewhere and as a research centre and train facility for Ben-Gurion University's medical school.

Income from the projected $550,000 fund, contributed by Hecht's friends, will finance the equipment and operations of the centre.

This project combines Hecht's interest in Yeruham as the town twinned with Montreal under Project Renewal, and his professional interest in the health field. Hecht is president of the family-owned pharmaceutical company, Continental Pharma-Croysan Ltd.

Maj. Gen. Shlomo Gazit, left, president of Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, presents a gift of ancient pieces of pottery found in the Israeli desert to honoree Thomas O. Hecht. At right is guest speaker Alexander Haig. [Howard Kay photo]

As Bronfman noted, the dinner marked Hecht's 30th year of community service, although Hecht is only 54. Hecht first became involved in the community life of Montreal as founder president of Maimonides Lodge of B'nai B'rith and in Allied Jewish Community Services' leadership development program.

In 1970, he became the youngest-ever general chairman of Montreal's Combined Jewish Appeal. Three years later he was elected national president of the United Israel Appeal of Canada and traveled throughout North America during the Yom Kippur War with the late Pinchas Sapir rallying Jewish communities in the war effort.

He served as Canada's representative on the Jewish Agency board of governors.

His more recent leadership roles have been national president of State of Israel Bonds of Canada, honorary vice-president of the Canadian Zionist Federation, and general chairman of the campaign to build a new Bialik High School. He is a national officer of the Canadian Associates of Ben-Gurion University.

Gazit, in making the presentation, said Hecht "epitomizes in his own life the Jewish destiny of his generation."

Reading from a scroll of honor signed by himself and BGU rector David Wolf, Gazit recalled how Hecht barely escaped the Nazis in his native Czechoslovakia, coming to Canada at the height of World War II, and later becoming a successful businessman and contributing citizen of his adoptive country.

"Driven by an intensely proud and passionately felt sense of Jewish identity, he unsparingly and relentlessly pursues the ideals of positive and creative Jewish continuity with the growth and welfare of a secure state of Israel as its precondition," said Gazit.

His "exemplary dedication and effectiveness" as a leader are "earning him the admiration and friendship of topmost leaders of Israel and the Jewish world."

In his response, Hecht thanked the Montreal Jewish community for taking him in as a "forlorn refugee in 1942" and offering him a "chance for redemption." He called Gordon Brown his mentor in community work.

Hecht paid tribute to the Montreal Jewish community by wishing that all communities in the world could follow in its path.

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Living Halacha

By
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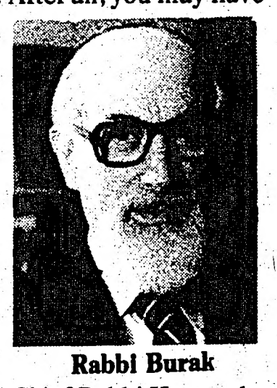
Question: Is it permitted to disagree with a rabbi?

Much depends on the topic that the rabbi is discussing. If your spiritual leader is talking about national or international politics, you may disagree with him. After all, you may have as much information on those topics as he has, and therefore, your guess is as good as his guess. But, when he is placing before you and the community a blueprint on Jewish law, how can you debate with him?



Rabbi Burak

"Provide thyself a rav," is the teaching of Ethics of the Fathers, Chapter 1:6. And Chief Rabbi Hertz z.l., in his notes, tells us that this is to be done "so as to learn the truths of religion under competent guidance, and be saved from error and confusion of mind."

So complete was the reliance of an earlier age, so steadfast was its faith, that Talmudic sources could give voice to this principle: "You must listen to your rabbi even when he says that right is left; and of course you must listen to him when he says that right is right."

There is a similar stand in Jewish law concerning one's father. Even when he is doing something contrary to that which is stated in the Bible, you must watch what you say to him.

In Tractate Kiddushin, 32A, we are told that Shmuel said to Rav Yehuda: "Speak not thus to your father. For it was taught: If one's father is transgressing a precept of the Torah, one may not say to him, 'Father, thou transgresses a biblical precept.' but, 'Father, thus is it written in the Torah.'"

A challenge in the text shows that even such language is improper. The final conclusion is that the son may say no more than, "Father, such and such a verse is written in the Torah," and let the father draw his own conclusions.

A rabbi is the father of his congregation. Many a father is misunderstood by his children, and only when the children have grown up and have children and grandchildren of their own do they appreciate his wisdom.

The rav serves his people in so many special ways. He unites them in marriage. He watches over his flock, gives guidance and counsel. He stands with his people when sorrow strikes. He is beside them at the open grave, lending his support, giving voice to the hopes and aspirations of the survivors, and mingling his tears with theirs.

Can one turn on this man, and chastise him, and correct him? If you differ with such a man, you raise serious doubts about your own character.

There is one person who alone has the right to differ seriously with the rabbi. The rebbetsen exercises that office faithfully and judiciously. If the rabbi is always busy straightening out the lives of his people — and for that he deserves our unfailing respect — it is the rebbetsen who has a comparable role in the life of the rabbi, despite the fact that the word, rabbi, means "my master."

Computer literacy vital to future chancellor tells Hadassah-WIZO

TORONTO —

"Anti-semitism is not behind us," Avraham Harman, chancellor of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, told delegates to the recent 30th national Hadassah-WIZO convention at an Israeli-style breakfast traditionally sponsored by Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University.

"We don't have to panic — but we have to know. Anti-semitism is a disease of the non-Jewish world and it looks like it will always be with us in one way or another."

Hadassah-WIZO, it was announced, has just undertaken a new project with the Hebrew University — a fund to support young scholars and scientists who are under threat of having their chances of progress and tenure cut off because of severe budget restrictions at the university. The Hadassah-WIZO Organization of Canada Fellowship Program will provide in perpetuity a yearly post-doctoral fellowship to tenure-track scholars in either the fields of anti-semitism or computer science.

Harman stressed that computer literacy is as vital to the future of the Jewish people as print literacy has been until now.

He spoke movingly of the years of partnership between Hadassah-WIZO and the Hebrew University, both of which were founded within months of each other.

"The university cannot be envisioned as a luxury," he said. "Chaim Weizman saw it as the essential precondition for the emergence of the Jewish state."

Harman told the delegates, as he told the Young Leadership group of Canadian Friends at a luncheon the day before, that the difficulties faced by Israel today will not go away soon.

Avraham Harman

"The challenges of today are not a one time, 1-year crisis. We are at the beginning of what is going to be a long period of economic stress such as we have never experienced before.

"I have to emphasize that the general economic condition of Israel has to be regarded as positive. Still, any government in Israel now would have to follow a policy aimed at reducing the standard of living in real terms, which will raise unemployment from about 4% to about 7%."

Harman said that defence costs will remain high — the cost, for example, to maintain the troops in Lebanon south of the Awali River is about $1 million a day. He said the stay in Lebanon will be a long one, because majority opinion in Israel does not want the troops out until there is absolute certainty that the part of Lebanon they leave will not fill up with terrorists and once again become a staging area for attacks against Israel.

"Syria has more material now than Hitler had when he attacked the Soviet Union," Harman said. "Syria in the past 15 months, with the help of Russia, has amassed so much military strength that they think they can attack us singlehandedly and they are already boasting about it. So we have to be ready for Syria, without provoking them."

Long time CJC activist

Congress names Satok to head community relations committee

MONTREAL —

David Satok of Toronto has been named chairman of the national community relations committee of Canadian Jewish Congress, according to an announcement made last week by CJC president Milton Harris.

Satok has long been active in CJC activities and his commitment to the Jewish community includes leadership in the Canada-Israel Committee, Toronto's Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue and the Canada-Israel Foundation for Academic Exchanges. He is a vice-president of Toronto Jewish Congress and chairman of the immigration subcommittee of the National Budgeting Conference.

David Satok

His intensive involvement with Jewish issues outside Canada has brought him to many diverse Jewish communities, meeting with community leaders in Western and Eastern Europe, the USSR, Greece, Turkey, Morocco and Cuba.

As chairman of the Canadian Committee for Soviet Jewry, he represented Canada at the Brussels conference on Soviet Jewry.

CJC's national community relations committee addresses itself to current concerns of Jewish communities across Canada, "taking steps on behalf of the communities to safeguard the civil status, rights and welfare of Canadian Jewry and representing those interests in government forums," says the press release announcing Satok's appointment.

"The committee has recently played a pivotal role in pressuring for amendments to the Criminal Code on hate legislation and is fighting to prevent the distribution of hate literature and anti-semitic propaganda," the release reports.

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Israeli planes in action

Syrians shoot down two jets during U.S. raid

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

Syria and the U.S. were on the brink of further confrontation this week.

Last Sunday, two American jets were downed by Syrian missile and anti-aircraft fire over Lebanon. Hours later, pro-Syrian Druze militiamen bombarded Marine positions near Beirut's international airport, leaving eight U.S. servicemen dead.

Within minutes of the barrage, the heaviest to be directed against the Marines, ships of the U.S. Sixth Fleet off the Lebanese coast fired on the Druze gunners. On Monday, Dec. 5, U.S. planes flew reconnaissance missions in the vicinity of the fighting, raising fears of more clashes.

The U.S. raids, which represent an ominous escalation of America's role in Lebanon, came about a day after the Israeli air force attacked bases east of Beirut said to belong to Druze, Lebanese Shiite and Palestinian organizations affiliated with Syria.

The Israelis unloosed their planes in retaliation for a "long array" of attacks against their troops in southern Lebanon. But the actual incident which triggered the aerial retaliation — the fourth since Nov. 4 — was the killing of an Israeli soldier in the town of Nabitiye.

The U.S. and Israeli operations were launched in the wake of an accord on strategic understanding signed by Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and President Ronald Reagan. **[See page 1.]**

Dan Meridor, the Israeli cabinet secretary, denied the two separate raids had been coordinated. And Reagan, echoing this sentiment, declared he did not seek war with Syria.

Nevertheless, tension was running high as The Canadian Jewish News went to press.

Speculation was that the U.S. would respond militarily to the artillery rocket and small arms bombardment which snuffed out the lives of eight Marines attached to the multinational peacekeeping force in the Lebanese capital. It is assumed that Syria — which has repeatedly warned the U.S. to disengage its forces from Lebanon — will try to reply to any military blow administered by the Americans.

Last week's violence in Lebanon began when Druze gunners shelled Lebanese army positions near the airport (thereby closing it), the harbor, power stations, schools and multinational peacekeeping bases.

Walid Jumblatt, the Druze leader who has affiliated himself with Syria, had accused the Lebanese army and Christian militias of shelling Druze villages in the Shouf Mountains above Beirut.

Complicating the situation was the assassination of a leading Druze religious dignitary by an unknown gunman. Jumblatt hinted that he held Christian militias responsible.

On Dec. 3, masked guerrillas ambushed an Israeli patrol consisting of two vehicles, in Nabatiye, 11 km north of Israel's border. An Israeli soldier was killed and four were wounded. Israeli jets reportedly bombed and strafed targets north of the Beirut-Damascus highway — an area Israel relinquished last September — and may have struck two Syrian bases.

All planes returned safely after scoring "accurate hits," the Israeli high command said. Israel's previous air attack occurred Nov. 20, following am ambush on one of its convoys. A soldier was slain in that incident, believed to have been carried out by Lebanese Shiite, Druze and/or Palestinian irregulars, with the apparent acquiescence and support of Syria.

Last week's action incolving the U.S. was touched off when Syria fired on American naval planes conducting reconnaissance flights in support of the peacekeeping force.

The next day, waves of U.S. jets returned to the scene, in central Lebanon. The Syrians downed an A-7 Corsair, which crashed in the mountains north of Beirut, and an A6E Intruder, which fell in Syrian-controlled territory 25 km east of the capital.

Two precedents were thus established: It was the first time the U.S. had launched air strikes against Syria. And the planes that were shot out of the sky were the first to be lost to hostile fire since the Vietnam conflict more than a decade ago.

According to reports, 24 to 28 jets from the aircraft carriers Kennedy and Independence took part in the assault on Syrian positions.

The pilot of the Corsair was rescued by a U.S. helicopter, but the crew of the Intruder is listed as missing. A Lebanese radio station said one of the pilots had been killed as he dangled from a parachute.

The resulting 4½-hour Druze artillery and rocket barrage which rained down on U.S. bunkers brought to 255 the number of American troops killed in Lebanon since 1982.

Although the U.S. is not looking for a fight with Syria, which is backed by the Soviet Union, it may have one on its hands.

Reagan made it clear that the Marines were in Lebanon to "help stabilize the situation until all foreign forces can be withdrawn and until the government of Lebanon can take over the authority of its own territory."

But, he added, "we are going to defend our forces there."

Lawrence Eagleburger, undersecretary of state, was more blunt. "I hope Damascus got a message," he said, hours after the U.S. air raid.

Despite the lengths to which Israel and the U.S. went to deny they were in collusion, Syria is convinced the two are acting in concert.

Abdel Halim Khaddam, foreign minister, said the sequence of events "unveils the nature of the joint Israeli - American action that was reached during the visit of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir to Washington."

The Soviet Union made a similar accusation.

Lord's Day Act under fire

By
JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —

Is the Lord's Day Act, the federal legislation which prevents most businesses from operating on Sunday, unconstitutional because it violates the Canadian Charter of Human Rights guarantee of freedom of religion and conscience?

A Montreal lawyer is trying to prove that argument in court on behalf of a group of 15 merchants who have been charged with breaking the Lord's Day Act when their stores or businesses were found open on Sunday.

Richard Levy told Sessions Court Judge Bernard Bilodeau that the Lord's Day Act penalizes those citizens who do not observe the Christian Sabbath, notably Jews and Moslems, and is in effect the enforcement of one group's religious practices on the others.

The broader question that arises is whether the state should ally itself with one religion, he said.

Twelve of the 15 merchants Levy is representing have stores in Marche de l'ouest, a farmer's market style shopping centre in Dollard des Ormeaux.

Most own food stores. Between them are 25 counts of illegally conducting business on Sunday. They face fines of $1-$40 for each infraction.

Judge Bilodeau said he will make a decision Jan. 31.

In Quebec, grocery or convenience stores are permitted to open on Sundays if they have fewer than three employees working that day. These merchants are alleged to have had from four to 30 clerks in their stores on Sundays. However, some of their leases obliged them to remain open on Sundays from 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

This is the second challenge to the Lord's Day Act's constitutionality under the new Charter. An Alberta Court of Appeal decision Nov. 3 ruled 3-2 that the Lord's Day Act violates the Charter of Rights. The Appeals Court upheld a lower court ruling that said governments do not have the authority to pass laws closing stores on Sundays.

The Alberta government has filed an appeal with the Supreme Court of Canada. Levy said he may join in the fight against the Lord's Day Act when it reaches the Supreme Court.

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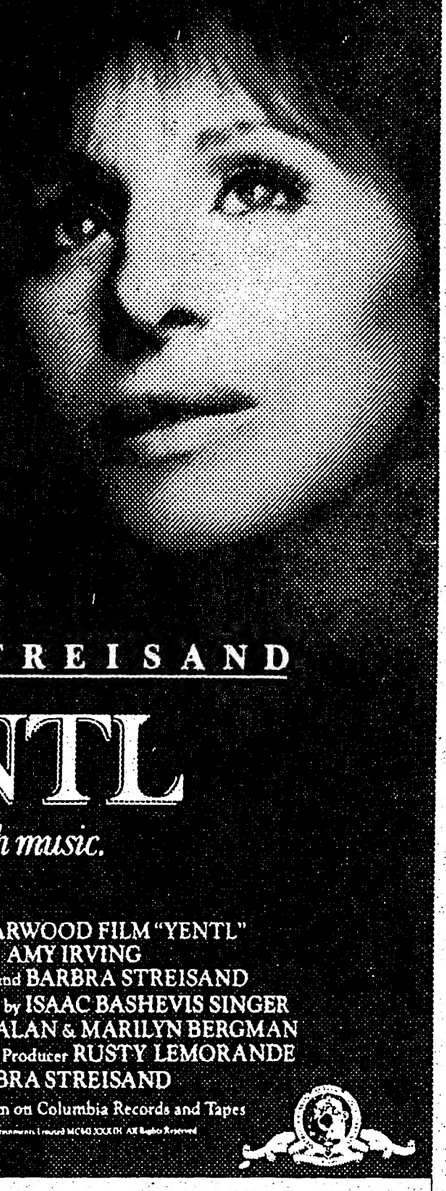

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Editorial

Heroic act

The Israeli decision to exchange almost 5,000 PLO prisoners and other assorted terrorists for six Israeli POWs is a repetition of an heroic act in which Israel has been involved before.

In 1956, in the wake of the Sinai campaign, Israel made a similar exchange when it traded almost exactly the same number of Egyptian POWs for a handful of Israelis. In 1967, as a consequence of the Six Day War, a parallel exchange was made, although not of the same magnitude.

How does one explain the logic of Israel's magnanimous deed?

The cynics, of course, will suggest that releasing the PLO activists will relieve Israel of the responsibility of feeding, guarding and supervising what amounts to several enemy brigades. The Ansar camp, moreover, generated a lot of ungracious publicity about the allegedly brutal treatment of the detainees.

This interpretation must be weighed against the risk that Israel has taken in liberating 5,000 unrepentant haters of Israel whose sole purpose in life is killing Israelis. Viewed from this optic, the Israeli gesture seems futile and unrealistic.

The answer lies elsewhere: Israel has a solemn commitment to its fighting men. They know that they, unlike the Syrian POWs who still remain behind Israeli stockades, are parts of the body of Israel, not pawns to be used or discarded for political aims. This compassion towards the needs of its own soldiers is what Israel is all about.

This is the real secret of Israel's grandeur.

Canada quiet

Few will forget the spectacle in 1982 of Canada's ambassador to Lebanon, Theodore Arcand, lecturing the world on the iniquities of Israel and its army.

In an unprecedented gesture for an ambassador, Arcand, forgetting that his role was to represent Ottawa's interests in Lebanon, launched into a highly publicized smear campaign against Israel.

His denunciations of the "brutality" of Israel, his condescension towards the good versus the bad Israel, his parroting of PLO propaganda — were both mendacious and unbecoming a representative of this country.

It is also painful to recollect that during Arcand's fulminations, the Commons in Ottawa applauded his positions, thereby endorsing the principle of ambassadorial intervention in the domestic affairs of the nation to which one is designated as an official representative.

One wonders where this principle has departed for in the wake of Canada's stunning silence now that the Syrians are up to their old-new barbarisms.

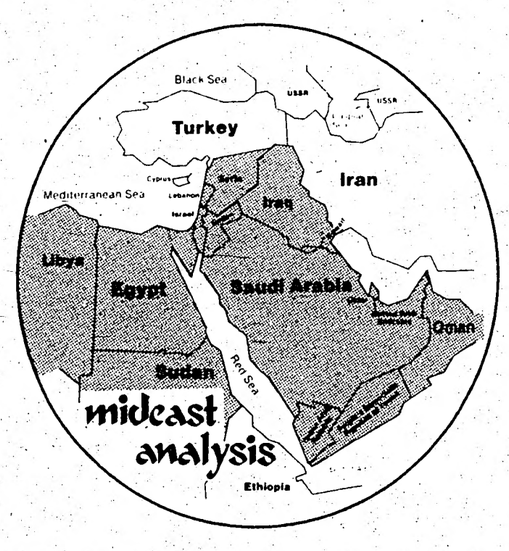
Except for pro forma statements of "regret" at the bombings of American and French military bases and the fighting which has killed an estimated 400 PLO members in and around Tripoli, our external affairs people seem to have adopted a judicious — one is inclined to say thunderous — silence in the face of naked and brutal Syrian aggression in the region.

Everyone except Canadian officials seem to understand that it is the Syrian mascots (the Shiite Amal fanatics, the Nidal Palestinian thugs, and for a while the PLO itself) along with their Syrian mentors who are responsible for Lebanon's current carnage.

Official Ottawa is unable, it appears, to pronounce either words of censure or condemnation when it comes to Syria. How much of the Mideast will Syria have to destroy of Lebanon before Canada is moved to express its indignation at the savagery of Damascus?

Countries draw closer together

U.S.-Israel relationship "a rollercoaster"



By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Samuel Lewis, the American ambassador in Israel, has compared the U.S.-Israel relationship to a roller coaster, with its ups and downs. It is an apt characterization, the truth of which has been particularly evident in the past few years.

- In 1981, Israel destroyed Iraq's nuclear reactor and the U.S. condemned the act. Several months later, Israel and the U.S. signed a memorandum of understanding on strategic cooperation. But within weeks, it unraveled in the acrimony surrounding Israel's annexation of the Golan Heights.
- In 1982, the year Israel invaded Lebanon, Israel and the U.S. went through another checkered period. Alexander Haig, the secretary of state, appeared to give Israel the "green light" to invade. But after his sudden resignation, Israel and the U.S. collided in public over Israel's siege of West Beirut and the subsequent Sabra and Shatila massacre.
- In 1983, the Israeli army and the U.S. Marines attached to the multinational peacekeeping force in Beirut exchanged verbal unpleasantries over jurisdictional matters. By May, when the Israel-Lebanon withdrawal pact was signed, Washington and Jerusalem were once again on good terms.

For the past several months, as the situation in Lebanon has steadily deteriorated, Israel and the U.S. have drawn even closer together.

Last month, U.S. Undersecretary of State Lawrence Eagleburger, Washington's third-ranking diplomat, wound up a mission to Jerusalem aimed at reducing the misunderstandings and distrust that have roiled relations.

The Reagan administration then hosted Israeli President Chaim Herzog, Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Defence Minister Moshe Arens. The presence of Shamir and Arens was especially important in these days when the U.S. wants to upgrade its collaboration with Israel through strategic cooperation.

Washington's desire to do that represents something of a reversal in its policy.

The growing convergence between U.S. and Israeli interests is mainly a function of Syria's role in Lebanon — a country which seems hopelessly fragmented along ethnic, religious and class lines.

George Shultz, the U.S. secretary of state, assumed that Syria would accept the premise underlying the May 17 withdrawal accord. But Hafez Assad, the tough Syrian president, soon disabused him of that naive notion.

Assad, the longest-serving Syrian leader since the advent of independence in 1941, rejected the concept of a simultaneous withdrawal of all foreign forces from Lebanon. He declared that Israel was obliged to remove its army first, and he denounced Amin Gemayel, the Lebanese president, for having gone along with an agreement that would provide for Israeli security needs and would theoretically lead to normalization.

Going one step further, Assad announced support for the formation of the National Salvation Front, composed of pro-Syrian Lebanese politicians opposed to the May withdrawal pact. To observers, it appeared as if Syria was trying to undermine the sovereignty of a nation to which the U.S. was committed.

But, then, there have always been doubts regarding Syria's attitude to a free Lebanon. Carved out of greater Syria by the French, Lebanon is a constant reminder of Syrian humiliation at the hands of a colonial power. To this day, Syria does not maintain official diplomatic ties with Lebanon, nor has it ever had an embassy in Beirut.

What the Syrians want is a subservient, compliant Lebanon not aligned with Israel, politically, economically or militarily. They feel that Lebanon belongs in their sphere of influence.

Syria backing armed groups in Lebanon

To this end, Syria has backed armed Moslem and Christian groups in Lebanon which recoil at Lebanese relations, unofficial or otherwise, with Israel. In return, Syria will back their demands for major reforms of Lebanon's creaky political structure.

Washington is not against a gradual reordering of the Lebanese state, but it does fear that Syrian interference is aided and abetted by the Soviet Union — Syria's chief ally.

Both Israel and the U.S. have a common interest, at least for now, in checking the spread of Soviet influence in the region.

The Israelis and the Americans also wish to strengthen the Gemayel government, which, for all its failings, seems to be the most co-operative and promising pro-Western alternative presently available.

Concomitantly, Washington wants to rebuild the Lebanese army, which could establish a semblance of security in southern Lebanon and thus clear the way for a complete Israeli pullback.

Lastly, Israel and the U.S. want to preserve the May 17 agreement — the key to a future Israeli withdrawal and the stabilization of Lebanon.

Syria, which is in the midst of expanding its armed forces so that it can reach "strategic parity" with Israel, threatens to upset all these calculations.

A year ago, the Reagan administration was of the opinion that Syria could be co-opted into an acceptance of these plans. As a result, the U.S. worked quietly to create good relations with Syria, thereby alarming Israel. But this illusory phase has definitely passed, with all its attendant consequences.

During the 1982 war in Lebanon, the U.S. distanced itself from Israel and, in effect, deplored its invasion. Indeed, the U.S. was instrumental in halting Israel's advance on Syrian positions in eastern Lebanon. It is thought that the Israelis would have attempted to banish the Syrian presence if not for strenuous American objections.

Recently, President Ronald Reagan justified Israel's operation by saying that Israel had a right to rid itself of the threat of the PLO on its northern border.

Until some months ago, the U.S. pressed Israel relentlessly for an immediate withdrawal. But now the White House is singing a far different tune.

In fact, the Reagan administration tried to prevail upon Israel not to withdraw from the Shouf Mountains and the Beirut-Damascus highway in early September. The thinking in Washington was that Syria — and the Soviet Union — would be under the impression that pro-Western forces could be driven out of Lebanon.

This, the Reagan administration argued, would render a political solution impossible, and increase the risk of war.

The convergence of U.S.-Israel interests in Lebanon has been facilitated as well by the tragedies which have befallen their troops there. On Oct. 23, pro-Syrian Shiite Lebanese Moslems (or Iranians aligned with Syria) engineered massive explosions at U.S. and French headquarters in Beirut which left 239 Americans and 59 Frenchmen dead.

On Nov. 4, the same group wreaked havoc on an Israeli command post in Tyre, killing 29 Israelis and 32 Arabs.

Syria denies involvement, but the claim isn't very plausible because the Syrians control the areas in which the kamikaze bombers were recruited and trained.

The resultant "blood bond" that has been established between Israel and the U.S. has prompted the Israelis to adopt a more militaristic attitude toward its opponents in Lebanon. In recent weeks, the Israeli air force has attacked Palestinian and Shiite bases in eastern Lebanon, all with quiet U.S. approval.

Normally, Washington deplores Israeli air raids. Today, this is no longer the case, partly because of U.S. reluctance to deploy its air force against the Syrians and their allies.

U.S.-Israeli coordination in Lebanon — a course which Henry Kissinger has called for — has had the effect of cementing the relationship in its entirety. Secretary of State Shultz and national security advisor Robert McFarlane lean toward the proposition that Israel and the U.S. should renew strategic cooperation on a formal basis. Secretary of Defence Casper Weinberger is more reticent. Reagan himself seems comfortable with a closer friendship with Israel.

The unanimity of views on Lebanon notwithstanding, Israel and the U.S. still have disagreements, primarily over Reagan's 1982 peace plan — which Jerusalem rejects — and Washington's commitment to sell sophisticated weaponry to Arab countries like Jordan and Saudi Arabia.

These are serious problems for Israel, but the Lebanese crisis mutes them for the time being.

An Israeli military camp in Lebanon. [IPPA photo]

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Opinion

Israel-Diaspora relationship examined

Criticism of Israel's policies not seen as a threat

By
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[Second of 2-part series]

JERUSALEM —

Fred Worms and Avraham Burg are both dovish and religious Jews. Both oppose the policies of the Israeli government in the West Bank and the conduct of the war in Lebanon. Both received a very mixed reception when they spoke in support of their views in Toronto over the past year. But there the similarity ends.

Fred Worms is a prominent leader of British Jewry, chairman of the board of trustees of B'nai B'rith and a leading supporter of Netivot Shalom, the religious peace movement which emerged in Israel during the year of the war.

Avraham Burg, an Israeli student of interior design and an active spokesman for Peace Now (who also happens to be son of Minister of the Interior Yosef Burg) sprang to national prominence during the vigils of Soldiers Against Silence in the early days of the Lebanon war.

Burg described in an interview the difficulty of communicating the Peace Now view to Jewish communities abroad, especially explaining that solidarity with Israel need not necessarily mean backing the most strident version of the current government line. He believes it was this confusion in the minds of Diaspora Jews that led to the enthusiastic reception given former Minister of Defence Ariel Sharon in Montreal several months back — an episode repeated in other Jewish communities — and which, he says, caused incredulity and outrage among thousands of Israeli soldiers, reservists and their families, who hold Sharon responsible for the unhappy Lebanese entanglement from which Israel has yet to extricate herself.

Said Burg: "I understand the dilemma of Jewish communities placed in the position of having to welcome an Israeli minister visiting their country. What they did stems from insecurity and the fear of anti-semitism and they are not to blame. But both we and they are very much to blame for the inappropriate and ungenuine relationship which resulted in their feeling obliged to support Sharon.

"People who think of the relationship between Israel and the Diaspora in terms of the dollar and security alone, are being simplistic. Our relationship should be based on reciprocity and responsibility. Anyone who believes that criticism of Israel's policies threatens our security, doesn't even begin to understand the great strength of our society.

"Many good people in the Zionist organizations are far from happy about what is going on in Israel, but they don't dare make their thoughts public. They return to the traditional line of unswerving support for Israel whereas what we really need from them is some deep thinking — real spiritual capability in the Jewish sphere."

Burg, a paratrooper and lieutenant in the reserves, returned shocked and depressed from the war in Lebanon. He is convinced that the trauma of the war will cause fundamental changes in Israel in the long run.

At the beginning of the war, former Chief of Staff Rafael Eitan declared that what was being played out in Lebanon was the struggle for Eretz Yisrael, hence Burg believes too that eventually Gush Emunim and their secular backers will lose support: "Our society will spew them out. People will see where these ideas are leading us."

Said Burg: "I was educated first and foremost as a Jew — before being educated as a Zionist or an Israeli. My Judaism implies moral and spiritual strength and the idea of the state relying exclusively on massive military operations and forgetting its moral and spiritual anchor is frightening."

The last time Burg was in the news, he was wounded in the blast which killed Emil Greenzweig. Even afterwards he continued to receive threats. "No, I am not afraid for my life," he said evenly, "and I will continue to speak out, despite all kinds of threats. What is particularly dangerous is the combination of military might and civil cowardice we have now, and I have had to be very firm about speaking out when necessary.

"During my last visit to Toronto great pressure was put on me prior to a meeting at which I was due to speak. But this kind of thing is self-defeating. People have to face facts and contend with issues in the open . . . not hush things up in back rooms."

Burg believes that his Peace Now appearances abroad do a great deal to strengthen those most in danger of being alienated from the mainstream of the Jewish community because of their disapproval of Israeli policies, and in this sense he regards his journeys abroad as missions on behalf of Israel.

Fred Worms, remembering his own appearance in Canada, in which he expressed the gravest reservations about the war, recounted in a recent interview: "I had a confrontation with Eliahu Ben Elissar, chairman of the Knesset foreign relations committee, in front of an audience of two thousand, at which I was given a slow handclap!" Many of those angriest with him were concentration camp victims. However, noting that in Israel, Holocaust survivors could be found both backing the government and vehemently opposing the war, Worms commented: "The lessons of the Holocaust appear to mean whatever one chooses them to mean."

According to Worms, Diaspora opinion divides into three main categories. "There are those who supported Begin and Sharon, come what may. They associate any kind of criticism of Israel with treason and are not prepared to enter into a debate. Then there is a second category — in which I include myself — which wishes for a dialogue with Israel on all matters which do not directly relate to Israel's security needs.

"If the relationship between Israel and ourselves is to be a matter of dictat then the relationship will wither," he said.

The third group Worms mentioned chose to speak its mind about Israel. "They wanted a dialogue but they have been harassed, misquoted and browbeaten," he said. In Worms' view, this group is now opting out. "Sticking their necks out in a public debate is uncomfortable and misunderstood, so they are choosing the easy way and opting out altogether."

Worms does not believe the division of opinion in the Diaspora is the result of a swing to the Revisionist right among Jewish leaders. "The right is vociferous without being challenged, whereas the left is browbeaten," he claimed. "If there is a swing, which the majority of people would agree is not the case, it is that community leadership naturally tends to reflect the views of whatever government is in power. If a Labor government were in, there would be support for those views. Any apparent changes therefore are not permanent."

As Worms sees it, the inability of Disapora Jews to articulate on Lebanon, the West Bank and the condition of the Israeli economy have placed a severe strain on the Israel-Diaspora relationships over the last few years. If present trends continue, he foresees "the silent alienation of the majority of Diaspora Jewry, which most would not acknowledge officially. But people will vote with their feet by staying away from UJA and other institutions associated with Israel."

One of the pressing concerns of Worms and other leaders of British Jewry is the ongoing debate on allocations of scarce community funds. The London Jewish Chronicle wondered in a recent editorial whether Israel was being financially supported to an extent which would undermine the viability of Anglo-Jewry's educational and welfare institutions. It seems that the increasing tendency of Jewish communities to look to their own needs is a factor which may place additional strain on the Israel-Diaspora relationship, at least in the short run.

The task of Israel and the Diaspora is immense, as Burg and Worms see it: To bridge the alienation and above all to learn more about each other.

Says Worms: "The first task of Diaspora Jewry is to educate itself. A community which relates to Israel on the basis of inadequate knowledge of its Jewish heritage and of Israel will fail both itself and Israel in the long run."

King of ethnic humor can still laugh despite number of personal setbacks

By
GARY COHEN

TORONTO —

Sitting in his hotel suite at the Royal York Hotel, Myron Cohen (no relative to Gary) recalls the first joke he ever told in front of an audience with a kind of amused embarrassment. It was decidedly off-color and, says the 81-year-old Cohen, "I didn't know any better. But what the hell — that was the beginning."

It may not have been the world's best gag — although when Cohen tells it his combination of masterful timing and subtle nuance guarantee a laugh — but it was enough to start the king of ethnic humor on his way to over 50 guest spots on the Ed Sullivan Show, numerous other TV appearances, constant work in every major club and hotel from Las Vegas to New York and a reputation as one of America's best loved funnymen.

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A nice little Jewish carpetman has a job to fly to Dallas to carpet a mansion.

He's never been in a plane . . . he's scared to death — he's sick just walking into the plane.

He's seated beside a Texan who's flown millions of miles. And the Texan, the minute he hits the seat, he falls asleep.

Now they take off. They're in the air a half hour and they hit a little rough weather. The plane begins to rock. This poor little Yiddle — bleech — all over the Texan he vomits. He says, "He'll kill me ven he vakes up."

Ten minutes later the Texan awakens. The little Yiddle leans over and says: "You feel a little better now?"

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Frail and bony in his twilight years, Cohen has tearfully survived the death two years ago of his wife of 56 years, Miriam, and a series of operations that have left his body "looking like a road map." His solicitous nurse — "she's an angel" — is a constant companion.

Despite the effect of passing years, though, Cohen's sense of humor and quickness of mind show few signs of waning.

The jokes are as much a part of Myron Cohen's person as the lazy eye that has become his trademark and the bald pate and toothy smile are as recognizable as the face of a clock. Ask Cohen a question and more likely than not he will ultimately respond with a joke.

The stories reveal more about his character than his responses to personal questions about his tastes, background, interests, experiences or his feeling about the general state of the world. Much of the time, answers

Storyteller Myron Cohen

come with an air of indifference or a resigned wave of the hand.

But Cohen never lets you forget that he's a "storyteller" — there are thousands of comic anecdotes stored behind the good-natured eyes that glint every time a little slice of life pops out. The jokes come quickly and it's hard to separate the man from his humorous view of the world.

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There are two little grandmas in Miami Beach. They're in their 80s and one says to the other, "Where do you living now?"

She says, "Bombay."

She says, "You live in **India**?"

She said, "No. I used to live by da ocean. Now I live Bombay."

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Actually, for Cohen, one of the last great "storytellers," comedy was a second beginning at the advanced age of 42. Up until the night he told that first joke at the coaxing of friends at a New York nightclub called Leon and Eddie's, Myron Cohen was a successful silk salesman in the city's vibrant textile industry.

Cohen tells how his first career provided him with the "training" that allowed him to enter showbusiness "like the president of a bank." In 1943, although Cohen swears he was so nervous before going on that he looked like a corpse, his first job paid an incredible $1,250 a week.

"I used to use stories to break down what little resistance my buyers would have," he articulates, "because if I could break down their resistance I'd get the order. In the industry there are a great many Italians as well as Jewish people — so my Italian dialect had to be absolutely legitimate. People will never find anything wrong with dialect if it is legitimate."

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An Italian man goes into a bank to borrow some money and the bank manager says the loan arranger is out to lunch.

"Well," he says, "if I cana talk to de Lona Ranger I talka to Tonto."

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"I'm not a comedian — I'm a storyteller," Cohen insists, adding to the feeling that he is a throwback to simpler, less sophisticated times. His stories don't smack of politics or satire — more often they touch you on the human, not intellectual level.

"You'd be surprised at the number of stories I've extracted from real life," he says. "People can relate to the things that I do. These things make sense, they are true and they happen all the time. And that's what makes them interesting and funny — that's why people laugh."

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A true story that happened in Las Vegas. A little grandma — a little widow of 80 — met a widower, 84. They got along beautifully. It was a pleasure to watch them. A couple of days later I found she had told a lady friend of this incident.

She says, "I invited him upstairs to mine sveet. Ve were sitting on da couch." She says: "You vouldn't belief it. I had to slap his face tree times."

The other says: "Vhy, he got fresh vit you?"

"No," she says, "he fell asleep."

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Cohen says he never works from a set routine. But each of his shows begin the same way.

"I tell them the truth," he says with easy sincerity. "I say I have much to be grateful for in your friendship. Mine has been a singular career because of you. If you read it in a book you wouldn't believe — for 25 years I sold fabrics to the industry that provides you lovely ladies with your gowns. And then you came along and took me away from the textile world and made all this possible."

After 40 years on the boards, the natural storyteller doesn't seem to have lost an ounce of that gratitude. "I like to make people laugh. I enjoy it. There's not too much to laugh about these days, you know.

"That's all. Very simple," Myron Cohen concludes — and then starts into another story.

Opinion

Author worried constantly about low estate

The writing range of reclusive Klein knew no limits

By
BEN ROSE

From the age of 20, when his first short story was published, to the age of 46, when he stopped writing and became a recluse, A. M. Klein found his 'subject matter in a fascinating range of material. Now, 35 of his short stories, some hitherto unpublished, are gathered in A. M. Klein: Short Stories, edited by M. W. Steinberg [University of Toronto Press] in cloth [$35] and paper [$4.50].

My favorite story is By the Profit of a Beard, which is excerpted here. It is remarkable that Klein could bring his deft touch as surely to the story of a character in a shtetl, as to a parody of detective stories or of long-winded debates in literary societies. His range knew no limits; he was as interested in beggars as in potentates, and he wrote on just as wide a selection of topics in his early years as he did later.

Perhaps the best story in this volume, The Bells of Sobor Spasitula, in which a composer rebels against the Comintern, was written in 1955, and may have been the last story he ever did. For in that year, to the loss of us all, he withdrew from life, a seclusion which lasted until his death 17 years later in 1972, at the age of 63.

If any confirmation is necessary, stories in this volume are further proof that Klein worried constantly about his low estate (in financial terms) in comparison to others in the community, and about the relationship of the artist to the state.

By the Profit of a Beard appeared first in The Judean in June, 1930, when Klein was 21. It carried the pseudonym, Ben Kalonymus, the name of an early 14th century Jewish scholar in Provence, a didactic but witty satirist.

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BY THE PROFIT OF A BEARD
By
A. M. KLEIN

It was the pride of patriarchs that kept Reb Zalman's backbone unbent beneath the burden of sorrow and age. Not that the blood

A. M. Klein: short stories published.

of rabbis flowed in his veins, not that he boasted even a remote descent from the great ones in Israel — his family tree indeed struck roots in soil most unaristocratic — but that he felt himself by reason of signal distinction to be an especial protege of God.

He was not a learned man, it is true; his erudition exhausted itself in a knowledge of the Psalms, and of anecdotes about chassidic rabbis. He was not a particularly pious man; he abode by all of the six hundred and thirteen injunctions of the Pentateuch, and the subordinate behests of the Talmud; but that assuredly did not exalt one to sainthood.

It was his beard. Conjure up the countenance of ubiquitous Jewry: study the portraits of the Orthodox sons of Jacob, past and present: imagine cheek and jowl weighted with the fertility of Eden itself, and perhaps you may receive an intimation of the proportion of Reb Zalman's beard. It began in religious spirals curling down his cheek-bones; it spread itself luxuriously on his jowl and jaw; like the gardens of Babylon, it hung from his upper lip; it flowed from his capacious chin, hiding his neck in a cool and hairy arbor; it covered his chest with a white splendor.

In the synagogue, too, his patriarchal beard won him admiration, respect, and summons to the Torah. He would sit over a snuff-stained psalter, reiterating the sacred words, and if during his incantation a hair fell out of his beard, he would preserve it piously among the pages of the Holy Book. He looked far more dignified than even the bleary-eyed rabbi, and he knew it.

During the recitation of the Eighteen Prayers, standing at attention before the Divine Presence, he was a marvel to behold, a palm tree of the Lord. His clear blue eyes, the slight color in his cheeks, and his beard, his omnipresent beard, threw a sanctity over the synagogue. People came there to pray, to pray and to behold Reb Zalman.

Yes, he might be a poor man, and an old man, and a man cast upon the goodwill of his sons, but he was a proud man. God had lavished upon him the multitudinous benediction of a beard, the like of which Judah hath never known.

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It seems that the passing of days saw a beard develop even at the back of Reb Zalman's head. His hair hung over his collar in shaggy edges, and from the rear he looked like a Hebrew poet. It seems also that Reb Zalman refused to go to his sons to ask them for the fee for a barber — they would give him the money he knew, but they would look skeptically at the baldpate [the crown of his head was bare] who lavished cash on a fractional haircut. So unconcernedly he let his hair grow, before and aft, crowned with the halo of a natural tonsure.

But God does not forsake his wards. He sends salvation to those that serve Him, and His message is borne even on the lips of the lowliest. It was almost a divine coincidence therefore, when Reb Zalman met Mr. Katz, newsvendor on Main Street.

"How are you Reb Zalman, how do you like something America?" He had been in the country for years, but people still insisted on inquiring after his reaction to the golden land. They could not help but regard him as a transplanted European.

"What is there to like in America? America today, America tomorrow, it's one black year. One lives and one struggles. But let us not blaspheme, if the Heavenly One decrees, no doubt He knows what He decrees. It's their America. Empty synagogues and full moving-picture houses . . . and Jews — may they be sown thickly to sprout sparsely — goyim, apostates, defilers of the Sabbath in public. A beard among them you can't buy for a treasure." He stroked his own paternal approval.

"Nu, what could you do? Could you make over the world? Ai, reb Zalman, it could be, taki, that a beard lends grace to a Jewish countenance, but a haircut one must take also. There is nothing in the Torah against cutting the hair on the back of the head. On the contrary, I am told that the Belzer Rebbe used to spend hours on end combing his hair before the morning service. He used to say: 'If you had to appear before the czar wouldn't you comb yourself, dress yourself, even perfume yourself like Esther in the house of Haggai; how much more so when you appear before the czar of czars, the Holy One Himself, in dignity and in person, blessed be He.' "

"Yes, you are right but" — there was helpless apology in Reb Zalman's voice, he hesitated, he stuttered, he sought refuge in his beard. He lifted it as one who calls it into council and looked insinuatingly from the corner of his eye. Mr. Katz surmised his meaning.

"Money? money, shmoney. Here money is mud! In America you can get a haircut free. I mean without joking. There's a place downtown where Frenchmen, goyishe kepp, will give you a haircut for nothing. Not a cent will it cost you, as I am a Jew."

Mr. Katz gave him the directions to the free barbershop.

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Reb Zalman hesitated before he entered the barbershop. At first he walked up and down the street looking through the window of the shop. He saw young men busily engaged in shaving plebian faces, and in cutting the hair from unpedigreed heads. Over the door was printed in black letters, "Montreal Training School for Barbers, Haircuts free," but Reb Zalman could not read English. Innocently he entered the academy of hairsplitters.

His appearance immediately evoked a suppressed mirth. The barbers tittered at the sight of a Rip Van Winkle, and a Jewish one at that. There walks a whole course on the tonsorial art, they reflected, and winked significantly to one another.

Reb Zalman felt uncomfortable at these inhospitable manifestations, but did not have it in him to leave. What do you expect, Reb Zalman — he was addressing his inner self — they should embrace you? One is here in exile. Let them laugh, the goyim, let them laugh. When I will eat roast leviathan, them I will give a good disease.

Suddenly they beckoned to him; it was his turn. He sat down in the chair, took off his hat, and doffed the yarmulke that he always wore beneath it. At the sight of the concealed skullcap, the apprentice barbers and the laborers and navvies in the barber shop could hardly contain their laughter.

Reb Zalman looked at them with superior scorn, as if he were regarding lunatics; he combed his beard with his fingers, and gestured to the boy who was at his side that he desired only a haircut. He passed his hand over his beard, and looking severe disapproval, shook his head emphatically, as much as to say that this was forbidden territory. He described a circle about his head, and nodded a smiling and benign permission for the youth to proceed. The youth proceeded.

He must needs have a heart of stone who would describe with gruesome detail the vandal performance of the student of the Montreal Training School. He shaved the head of his victim until it looked like a convict's, he left not a hair standing on his crown. But that was not all. In passing, his clumsy scissors had wrought piteous havoc upon the beauty of Reb Zalman's beard; an indentation here, an unsymmetrical angle there, had changed a thing of glory into a miserable tuft, unworthy even of a goat chin. The shears had snipped wisp after wisp of beard; they had made devastating incursions everywhere.

While these ravages were being perpetrated upon his chin, he was utterly unaware of them. His original amazement had befuddled his brain; he had thought that the barber was merely brushing his beard. He rose from his chair. He beheld his face in the wall mirrors. His face?

Had he not leaned against a nearby chair the gusts of laughter that greeted his introspection would have thrown him over. He could not recognize himself; a lump gathered in his throat, he gulped his anguish down. He shouted in Yiddish, knowing well that they would not understand him, but seeking momentary relief from the fingers that seemed to be clutching at his throat.

"You bandits you! May a cholera smother you! May a devil possess your father's father! For every hair you cut, may an abscess afflict your muzzle! I'll show you yet you bandits, you murderers! You'll cut my beard, my pride, my glory you'll cut!" He was shaking his finger at them. "I'll take you to Court! You'll pay! Like a father you'll pay! You'll cry and you'll pay!"

He was weeping. His tears trickled from his eyes and settled on his scrawny beard, glittering like sharp mementoes of sorrow. His whole body quivered with a sense of encompassing tragedy. He felt himself hard beset by foes. His last consolation had been snatched from him. The strings connecting him with vivid life had been snapped. He broke forth again, shaking his fist, gesticulating madly, speaking in a voice saturated with tears. He changed his attitude, he pleaded.

"What did I do to you, what? Have I harmed you? Have I stolen something from you? What have you got to me?" His audience answered his gesticulations with grins. He grew more and more enraged as he became aware of the futility of his arguments.

"May a strange death overtake you, you murderers, may the grave reject you, and may the dogs lick your bones."

The barbers were getting tired of his performance. They showed him the door. Abashed and discomfited, he left. As he feebly closed the door he raised the collar of his coat and concealed his maimed beard behind large lapels. No one would see him in this plight. He hurried away, a salty taste in his mouth. His back was bent, an unknown burden heavy upon it. After that he was not seen in public for weeks. He sat forlorn, as one who mourns the bereavement of his kin.

Hermit of Achziv stands firm in his battle with progress

By
CARL ALPERT

HAIFA —

When Eli Avivi was brought to this country from Iran at the age of one, he never for a moment thought he would some day grow up to be President. But in this country one can never predict what will happen.

The family lived in Tel Aviv. At the age of 13, Eli joined the Palmach's naval unit, Palyam, and took part in "illegal" immigration activities.

In 1948 he was with the group of sailors who left from Haifa to blow up targets in Lebanon.

After the War of Liberation he wandered the earth, from tropical Africa to frozen Greenland. He returned to Israel in 1952 and by chance came across the abandoned ruins of a place on the coast, between Nahariya and the Lebanese border, called Achziv.

Achziv has a long and distinguished history. It is mentioned in the earliest Egyptian records, is referred to in the biblical book of Judges, was captured by Sennacherib, played a role in Roman days, and was occupied by the Crusaders, who built a castle there. Much later it was inhabited by Arabs who used to throw stones at Jews passing on the road. With the establishment of the State of Israel it was abandoned and fell into ruin.

Eli moved in. He repaired a few of the buildings so they could be occupied. He cleaned up the seashore and gathered antiquities of all kinds, covering a period of more than 5,000 years.

He became known as the Hermit of Achziv, but young people flocked to the place to spend a night or a week, away from civilization.

As a squatter Eli obtained rights to the land, and today he pays rent to the government Lands Administration. The local district council, however, refuses to cooperate, and he has been unable to obtain permits or licences of any kind. From time to time the police prefer charges against him for operating his inn without permit, and he pays the fine exacted.

His foes multiplied: the ministry of tourism, the antiquities department, the National Park Authority, the neighboring kibbutzim.

In 1971 he formally proclaimed his secession from the State of Israel, and the establishment of the independent State of Achziv, known as Achzivland. He is the undisputed President.

He has since maintained that fictional status, noting that the only services he obtains from Israel are water and telephone.

We visited Achzivland again last week. The authorities have whittled away at his empire, and the once 35-dunam area has now shrunk to five dunams, surrounded by a barbed wire fence. The bulldozers have demolished many of the picturesque old ruins, and a national park has been established, with paved roads, modern facilities and restaurant.

All this is anathema to Eli. "They invest millions in this kind of artificial modernity which the tourists can find in their own country. I don't want to be organized," he cries.

"They have spoiled the wild, natural look. Their national park is 'pretty' but it is not exotic. With much less of the money they have spent, I would have reconstructed the ancient Phoenician port and installations, in their original form."

In his five dunams, little more than an acre, Eli has sought to preserve his "difference." Museum planners and interior decorators would shudder at the method of display in his museum. Phoenician and Roman glass, dozens of ancient coins, human skulls, naval implements dug up from the ancient harbor and a treasure of old clay jugs are enough to make an archeologist's mouth water.

He is not permitted to erect a signboard on the road, so passersby, if they are not careful, are apt to miss the hand-lettered cardboard placard which points out the entrance to the free and still independent State of Achziv.

DIARY ...of a People

By
DAVID BIRKAN

On the eve of Chanukah, 1969, pilot Mark Dymshitz suggested to fellow dissidents that they escape the USSR by hijacking an airplane. The situation was exploited by the Soviet authorities in an attempt to crush the new reawakening of Judaism in the country.

The national census at the end of the 60s showed that the number of Jews in the USSR dropped from the previous decade to 2.15 million, a loss of 117,000, or 5.2%. The population as a whole increased by 15.8%. Assimilation — facilitated by the government's systematic suppression of Jewish communal, religious and educational institutions — and intermarriage reduced the country's Jewish population to an all-time low. For the 50 or so years preceding World War I, it stood at close to 6 million.

Undisclosed by the census was a new Jewish renaissance, thanks in part to the Six Day War. Simchat Torah saw thousands of Jews braving KGB harassment to demonstrate in front of Moscow's main synagogue. The study of Hebrew, under an unofficial ban as long-lived as the Soviet regime itself, was pursued through the clandestine circulation of manuscripts, poetry, newsletters, tapes of songs, and textbooks or fragments of textbooks. Hebrew was taught in underground ulpans in major cities, with the teachers often no more than one lesson ahead of their students.

The despondency recorded just five years earlier by Elie Wiesel in his Jews of Silence was being replaced by a level of Jewish consciousness unprecedented since the dark days of Hitler's invasion.

Dymshitz, then 43 and approaching the end of his flying days, balked at the endless cycle of applying and re-applying for an exit visas to Israel. Encouraged by an acquaintance later suspected of being a KGB agent provocateur, he approached Leningrad's underground Jewish circle with his plan. Its leaders, after much discussion over its feasibility and unlawful nature, dismissed the plan and tried to talk Dymshitz out of it.

Riga's underground circle proved more supportive. Despite initial foul-ups and mounting evidence of a trap, its members decided to go ahead. Explained a participant, Sylvia Zalmanson: "We noticed we were being followed, but we could no longer turn back . . . to the past, to the senseless waiting, to life with our luggage packed. Our dream of living in Israel was incomparably stronger than the fear of the suffering we might be made to endure."

At 8.30 a.m. June 12, 1970, 12 would-be hijackers, mostly from Riga, were arrested on the tarmac of Leningrad's Smolny Airport before even boarding their flight.

Within two hours, the bulk of the Leningrad circle was also arrested, far from the airport — at home, work, and, in one case, on vacation in Odessa 850 miles away — and charged with complicity. The Jewish material confiscated from their ransacked homes was entered as evidence for their "slandering the Soviet system."

The so-called hijackers went on trial in December. The alleged hostility of Zionism to Communism was the prosecution's stress. The verdict was rendered in just over a week. Despite proof that no harm was intended, let alone committed, Dymshitz and student Edward Kuznetson were sentenced to death. The others received from four to 15 years hard labor.

The impending trials of Jewish dissidents across the country were announced. The activism fueling the Jewish renaissance was threatened with obliteration.

Unexpected consequences of the first trial, however, upset the Byzantine Soviet machinations. World opinion was aroused at the severity of the sentences. Soviet Jews themselves rose in outrage.

Massive objections were voiced by Western governments and press. Even Communist organs were stunned: Italy's L'Unita, for example, headlined its Dec. 27 story on the trial as "an incomprehensible judgment."

Within the USSR, Jewish objections ranged from individual letters of outrage to large-scale sit-ins and hunger strikes, some taking place in the kremlin itself.

The USSR relented under the combined pressure. The sentences were lightened. Emigration rose from 1,000 in 1970 to 14,500 in 1971.

Jewish activism within the USSR, despite subsequent trials, flared to new heights.

Joint political-military group established

U.S.-Israel strike strategic accord

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headquarters in Beirut in October.

Neither, he said, should the U.S.-Israel political/military group seen as a threat to any other Arab country.

In spite of these disclaimers, the Arabs are said to be concerned by the renewed Israel-U.S. rapprochement, although they realize that Reagan remains committed to the 1982 peace plan Israel utterly rejects as an intrusion on its security.

If words mean anything, the Arabs have reason to be upset by the Reagan-Shamir talks.

The president reconfirmed "the long-standing bonds of friendship and cooperation" characterizing U.S.-Israel relations, and expressed his determination "to strengthen and develop them in the cause of our mutual interest."

The Israeli Prime Minister, who was accompanied by Defence Minister Moshe Arens, said upon leaving the U.S. that he was returning "with feelings of achievement."

Shamir, the first Israeli leader to visit Washington in 18 months, said he had found a strong desire in the White House to cement the historic relationship "in a concrete and comprehensive manner."

He went on to say that the U.S. perceives Israel as "a major factor for stability" in the Middle East and a true ally of Washington in the face of what he called Arab instability and totalitarian aggression.

Turning to the common interests which bind the two countries, Shamir stated: "We share common objectives in the Lebanese situation. We want to deter and check Syrian annexationist designs on Lebanon and Syrian aggression backed by the Soviets."

Israel and the U.S. are divided over the wisdom of Reagan's peace proposals (which call for an immediate freeze of Israeli settlement activity and for an eventual West Bank-Jordanian association) and Washington's interest in supplying conservative Arab regimes like Jordan and Saudi Arabia with sophisticated arms.

Last week, Reagan and Shamir played down such differences, which are indeed serious and of a longstanding nature.

"Disagreements between good friends do not alter the unique and sturdy foundation of our relationship," the President declared, no doubt causing apprehension in Arab capitals.

"It's normal to have differences," said Shamir, who said that the West Bank settlements controversy is "greatly exaggerated" and reiterated the Israeli position that the dormant autonomy discussions on the Palestinians should be resumed.

As expected, Reagan and Shamir voiced full support for the May 17 Lebanese withdrawal pact, opposed by Syria, the Soviet Union and their allies.

Following his talks with Lebanese President Amin Gemayel, who is under tremendous Syrian pressure to scrap the agreement, Reagan said he stood by it as "the best and most viable basis for the withdrawal of Israeli forces from Lebanon."

Earlier, in company with Shamir, Reagan said that "every effort" should be made "to expedite" the May accord, engineered by American diplomacy when Israeli and Lebanese negotiators appeared to be getting nowhere.

Both men affirmed their commitment to a sovereign, independent Lebanon, the withdrawal of all foreign forces and the security of Israel's northern border.

Shamir, saying he wanted to call home his troops from Lebanon, told reporters in no uncertain terms that Israel would not change "a word" of the May agreement.

There were further developments flowing from the U.S.-Israel summit:

- The U.S. has reportedly agreed to resume shipment of cluster bomb artillery shells to Israel — the delivery of which was suspended during Israel's siege of Beirut in the 1982 Lebanese war.
- Israel will be permitted to bid on projects to supply the U.S. armed forces. This will give the Israeli arms industry, already one of the largest, a much-needed tonic. (The U.S. previously gave Israel permission to use aid funds to build the Lavie jet.)
- Reagan announced that the two countries will discuss the idea of setting up a free trade zone — an arrangement similar to one Israel has with the European Economic Community.
- Shamir admitted that he is worried about Israel's relationship with Egypt, which has displayed no real interest in normalization as a result of Israeli policies and its desire to reestablish links with the Arab world. The U.S. is said to have exerted pressure on Egypt to live up to its treaty obligations with Israel, but to no avail so far.

Study finds U.S. lacking

WASHINGTON — The American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) has just released a study which details the critical shortage in hospital facilities, medical personnel and evacuation aircraft that the U.S. armed forces will face in the event of a Middle East/Persian Gulf conflict.

Although the study, entitled Israeli Medical Support for the U.S. Armed Forces, is not concerned primarily with Lebanon, the brutal bombing of the Marine barracks there had underscored the nature of the problem.

The study reveals that the services currently could provide no more than half the 17,000 intheatre beds that would be required for a large-scale conflict in the Gulf. There would also be "desperate shortages" of skilled medical and support personnel to man the facilities and a shortfall in the number of medical evacuation aircraft needed for transporting casualties.

The study then analyzes alternative interim solutions. Existing facilities in Europe are several thousand miles away, requiring a large but unavailable aeromedical evacuation capacity, and involving long and possibly harmful delays in providing proper treatment. The Arab states of the region are neither able nor willing to provide the necessary assistance, given their own severe shortages of modern hospital capacity.

Israel is the one state of the region with a large, modern hospital system and it has, on several occasions, indicated a willingness to help.

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NOT A FORUM FOR ATTACKS

I was surprised and dismayed by the letters which criticized Rabbi Benjamin Friedberg so vehemently (CJN Nov. 24). I do not consider The CJN, a paper supported in part by the community, to be a forum for personal attacks on a rabbi.

Rabbi Friedberg had the courage not to waffle when you asked his opinion (on admitting women to the Jewish Theological Seminary). The JTS expressed its view by its vote. Why is it necessary to personalize this matter with insults?

The letters printed reflect badly on those who deal in this coin. They show intemperance and lack of toleration of the ideas of others.

Rabbi Friedberg's comments have made us think more about this subject and in that he does a service to the community. His critics have harmed their own cause by their vitriolic response.

I am disappointed in The CJN editorial policy which has condoned such an unbalanced presentation.

George Fine
Toronto

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DISAPPOINTED IN THE CJN

I write this letter in sadness, **not** in response to those letters (CJN Nov. 24) villifying Rabbi Friedberg. I am not debating the case for or against women rabbis. My argument is with The CJN.

At a time when our communities have been and are exposed to distorted, misinformed and irresponsible media reporting, it is so disappointing to put it mildly, that you, too, are party to this. Your paper has in the past decried this practice, especially where Israel is concerned, and rightly so. You are the media organ of the Canadian Jewish community.

Your practice aids and abets those extremists, be it in the Orthodox, Conservative or Reform movement, who vent their zealous emotions without basis of knowledge or ethical concern despite their attack on Rabbi Friedberg's moral behavior. They would be hard put to meet a fraction of the rabbi's moral concern for his fellow human being, or his knowledge.

It seemed to me that the rabbi's article in the Nov. 10 issue transcended movements. He spoke not as a Conservative, Orthodox or Reform, but as a Jew, expressing his personal opinion on years of study and practice with Jewish people.

And so I say "et tu Brute."

Ernest R. Pearl
Toronto

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PERIPATETIC VIRTUOSITY

I have long admired the versatility of your reporter, Sheldon Kirshner. There is hardly a subject or a place of Jewish interest that he does not comment upon intelligently and analytically.

My admiration now passes all bounds as I note his peripatetic virtuosity. Israel is a small country, yet I find it difficult to get around adequately to cover Jerusalem, Haifa, Beersheba, Shfar Am, Metulla or the Dead Sea.

Time and distance seem to offer no difficulties to Kirshner. In two successive issues of The CJN (Oct. 20 and Oct. 27) his comprehensive stories are date lined Sharm El Sheikh in Egypt, Caracas in Venezuela, Ayelet Hashachar in Israel, the Dominican Republic and of course Toronto.

How does he do it? Is Sheldon Kirshner really one man, or is this a pen name for a sizeable staff?

Carl Alpert
Haifa

Editor's Note: Sheldon Kirshner is indeed for real . . . and only one person. His amazing versatility as a writer and his prolific output causes no end of wonderment in our newsroom.

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LIKES LEAH'S ARTICLES

I am writing to let you know how much I enjoy reading Leah Belfon's articles. The CJN is lucky to have a writer of such calibre.

Denise Levin
Toronto

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NOT THE FIRST TIME

Women's Branch of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America appreciates the coverage given us re our 60th anniversary convention held in Toronto (CJN Nov. 24).

However, there was a discrepancy in the story. Your reporter mentioned this was the first Women's Branch convention held in Canada, but I would like to point out that the 50th anniversary convention was held in Montreal, Nov. 12-14, 1972 at the Hotel Bonaventure.

Ruth Kofsky
President
Montreal Chapter

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OBJECTS TO STORY, PIC

I was appalled by your poor editorial judgment in the Nov. 17 issue to use a quarter of the front page for the picture of children at a private-for-profit exercise studio. The follow-up article inside included the cost of the service. This smacks of advertising gratis, no less.

If it was the intention of the editor to feature something light, I am sure the Jewish Community Centre, supported by the community and in return reaching out to the community, could have provided the focus.

It is essential that your editorial and advertising departments remain separate. A community-supported newspaper should serve the community and not private interests, as it has this time.

Dr. H. Krakowsky
Toronto

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IT'S POETRY, NOT A FACT

The writer of the Magen David Adom ad (Nov. 24 CJN) had poetry rather than facts in his/her soul. Although the Israel MDA provides an excellent EMERGENCY service, MDA is only one of "Israel's national medical services."

As for Canadian Red Magen David's office in Montreal being described as "national headquarters," this is wishful thinking. The attempt to set up a provincial division in Ontario failed (CJN Sept. 22) but the Toronto-Central branch is still active and organizing an MDA tour of Israel Sept. 9-23 for $2,220 (Canadian) including 5-star hotels, breakfasts, sightseeing. The tour coincides with the 2nd International Congress on Disaster Management in Jerusalem, Sept. 16-18.

Dr. A. Franklin
Chairman,
Toronto-Central Chapter

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PEARLY THANKS FROM EILEEN

Thank you to The Canadian Jewish News and Frank Rasky for his recent article (Oct. 20) on our pearl restringing business.

We have received numerous inquiries, and business is very brisk. We were delightfully surprised at the response from your paper.

Eileen Silberzweig
Eileen's Pearls
Toronto

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"ARMENIANS NOT MANIACS"

I'm grateful for your recent articles showing some justice toward the Armenian cause.

For years, we Armenians have been trying to gain recognition as a nation.

Armenians are not a group of maniacs running around the country killing Turkish diplomats, but a nation wishing to gain recognition of our tragic history when 1.5 million of us were slaughtered by Turks.

Maral and Mora Ashdjian
Toronto

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JEWS IN SOUTH AFRICA

I find a serious incongruity between two recent columns by Rabbi Gunther Plaut.

In one column, he lauds Jews as "the ones who proved that emancipation of humanity is, after all, a possibility: emancipation from ingnorance . . . and from the oppression of slave masters."

In another column, the rabbi lauds the Jewish community of South Africa for inviting the president of South Africa, the administrator of the Transvaal and the mayor of Johannesburg to a service at Temple Israel in Johannesburg.

The Jewish experience in Germany of the 1930s should raise doubt about a Jew's commitment to Judaism — if they live and actively participate in a society that denies fundamental human rights to millions of its inhabitants on the basis of race.

The doubt is all the more justified by the fact that any Jew from South Africa can emigrate to Israel, where they are truly welcomed as full citizens.

Matthew J. Price
Toronto

Anti-semitism described as a barbarian attitude

BUENOS AIRES [JTA] —

Dr. Antonio Troccoli, chosen by president-elect Raul Alfonsin to be the minister of interior in the next constitutional government of Argentina, described anti-semitism as "a barbarian attitude" which "ought to be definitely and forever eliminated from the country," the World Jewish Congress reported last week.

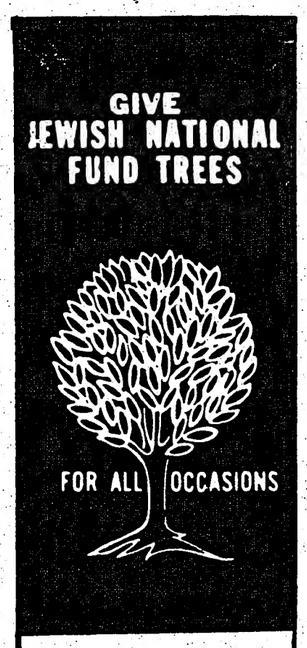
Troccoli's comments were contained in a lengthy interview carried here by the Jewish weekly, Mundo Israelita.

In his report by the Latin American branch of the HJC, he spoke of the determination to protect the freedom and rights of all citizens stressing that "we are adversaries of discrimination of whatever origin — political, racial, or religious — so that we will faithfully respect the freedoms related to persons, faiths and political issues."

Troccoli specifically confronted the issue of anti-semitism: "Anti-semitism is a barbarian attitude which is marginal in Argentinian society. Fortunately it does not have important dimensions in our country. It is the product of a small group of marginal people, who nurture this xenophobia.

"The Argentine man in the street, the free citizen, considers the Jewish community as one of the communities which most contributed to the cultural economic and social development of the republic."

He also spoke positively about the State of Israel: "The State of Israel deserves all our respect. We maintain good international relations. We shall surely improve and deepen them, because we have a deep devotion and respect for the effort which that state made to be created and to defend itself against external attacks."



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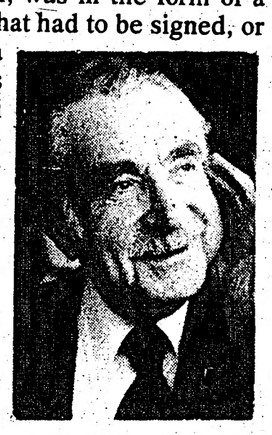
Let's neither dance nor cry

Israel-U.S. accord brings both smiles and frowns

By
J. B. SALSBERG

I don't know whether the new accord, arrived at during the recent Shamir-Arens visit to Washington, was in the form of a specific document that had to be signed, or whether it was a meeting of minds between the Israeli and U.S. governments that will be concretized by a follow-up, joint commission that will give substance to what had been agreed.



J. B. Salsberg

But what I do know is that before the ink of the signators (assuming that it was signed) had dried, or before the last words of the accord (assuming that it was only a hand-shake) had been uttered, the repercussions, as might have been expected, were instantaneous, passionate and partisan in nature.

The Eastern bloc countries and their ideological and political friends and allies will, of course, condemn the accord. Most Arab countries, if they do not call upon the wrath of the Gods on that accord, will surely be sharply critical of the new development. As for the reaction of the larger "family of nations," it will vary from reserved approval to varying degrees of disapproval.

But what I am primarily concerned with at this early stage of the new understanding between the Shamir and Reagan administrations is the Jewish reaction to the accord. Some are already celebrating the event as if it were the fulfilment of Israel's fondest dreams. Others react to the accord with total disapproval and still others respond to it with cautious reserve, or trepidation.

To the joyous celebrants of the accord, the new arrangements will be considered as good for Israel, since it will serve notice on Moscow and on the Arab enemies of the Jewish state that America is committed to the security of Israel. Jews who question, or are opposed to the accord, fear that Israel might contribute to its isolation in the Mideast by being too completely identified with the U.S. But in my view both of our extremist camps display an inadequacy of political realism in their reactions to the new understanding reached in Washington a week ago.

As I see it, the agreement is neither cause for celebration nor is it cause for lamentation, but an occasion for a sober understanding of the grim reality that confronts the State of Israel. Let us see:

In an ideal world, Israel, if only because of self-interest, would want to live in peace and friendship with all its neighbors and with all Big Powers. (We mustn't forget that millions of Jews still live in the territories of unfriendly or belligerent states.)

That is why Jews were happy when the Soviet Union spoke out (in 1947) in favor of the establishment of a Jewish state in what had been Palestine. Jews were also aware and appreciative when Moscow, at that crucial time, "did not oppose" the shipment of arms (from Czechoslovakia, etc.) to the embattled Jewish infant state. At its birth, Israel also appealed to all its Arab neighbors to live in peace with the Jewish state.

In that non-existing ideal world, Israel would have wanted to live in peace and friendship with the U.S., the most powerful Western country and the home of the largest Jewish community in the world. Nor would there be any reason, in that imaginary world, for Israel, not to seek the friendliest relations with Britain, France, etc., etc. In short, the reborn Jewish state was prepared to forget, to forgive and to live in amity with everyone, everywhere. But:

In the real world hard and, often, cruel facts govern the life and wellbeing of small states and of minority people in general.

The Middle East has become even more dangerous a cockpit for big power confrontation than it has ever been in the past. The Arabs rejected Israel's call for friendship and proclaimed, instead, its resolution to destroy the young Jewish state in their midst. Russia, with it Baku oilfields within easy reach of the Mediterranean, unceremoniously switched to a pro-Arab position, denied its Jews the right to go to Israel, suppressed every and all forms of Jewish cultural and social life and, after the Six Day War, assumed international leadership in the anti-Israel crusade, carried on under the misleading banner of anti-Zionism.

To the kremlin (and to some in high places in Washington) Israel is expendable. But to Israel, to the Israelis and to world Jewry, Israel is the keystone of Jewish continuity.

These are the cold facts that no thoughtful Jew can afford to overlook. The question of Israeli security and Israeli continuity, therefore, becomes central and determining in the charting of Israel's course and in the alliances, temporary or long-lasting, that it makes in the ongoing battle for its survival.

With regards to the latest Israel-U.S. accord, my innermost feeling is: I wish that Israel would not have to make the choices that a divided and hostile world obliges it to make.

I wish that Israel would not have to be a captive in any corner of the confrontationist big powers but a free agent with its bridges open in all directions.

But, if the safety of Israel finds no alternative but demands a one-sided alliance, then the cause of Israel's security and continued existence must be the determining factors in the shaping of Israel's policy.

This narrowing of choices may be regrettable but it is no cause for tears, anymore than the acceptance of the unavoidable course is the cause for jubilation. Let's wait for the unfolding of more information and facts about the new accord. Let's neither dance nor cry, but try to understand the real world in which the Jewish state lives.

Security measures lax at dinner for Shamir

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the tragic loss of life at the Marine base in Beirut. And all this during the week which commemorated the assassination of John F. Kennedy.

The dinner was informal, and purposely so. Ordinarily the President himself would have received Mr. Shamir at a formal White House function but, apparently by mutual agreement, the new agreement between Israel and the U.S. was given slightly lower visibility by reducing the official fanfare. After all, Lebanon's President Amin Gemayel was coming to town the next day, and Mr. Shamir himself took pains to assert that Israeli-American cooperation did not prevent America from having good relations with Egypt, Jordan and Saudi Arabia.

No point in underscoring the obvious: that the two countries had entered a new era of strategic planning which had been absent heretofore, and that American strictures of Israel's incursion into Lebanon and the continued building of new settlements on the West Bank had been shelved for the time being.

The toasts were notably upbeat. They reflected a quasi-alliance between the two nations — the world power with global involvements and the small country at the eastern shore of the Mediterranean which struggles with implacable foes at its own doorsteps. "A huddle at the summit," Mr. Bush called it.

Quasi-alliance . . . yet a pact short of an ultimate commitment on the part of America to defend Israel, come what may. If such a pact does now exist the public is not privy to it.

One of the many correspondents present characterized the affair as "reconciliation-plus," and another as the U.S. appearing almost in the position of a supplicant for Israel's favor. An unlikely come-to-pass after last year's harsh words.

But not everyone was euphoric. One news analyst, a proven friend of Israel, was not happy with an arrangement which left the Jewish state as a near total dependent of the U.S. and, moreover, made it party to the East-West confrontation, without a voice in its direction or outcome. "And what if America veers suddenly from its course? It has done so before . . ."

It was Nov. 29 and, not surprisingly, no one made reference to the contradictory significance of that date. In 1947 it was the day on which the United Nations voted to partition Palestine, an action which led directly to the establishment of the State of Israel. A generation later Nov. 29 was chosen by Arab protagonists as Palestine Liberation Day in the same United Nations. Now, Israel and the U.S. have given the date an additional dimension, and both Syria and the Soviet Union are doubtlessly weighing its consequences.

Clearly, the U.S. wants to signal its determination to establish a free and independent Lebanon. But it will be prepared also to keep its troops there, when domestic sagacity would dictate an early withdrawal of the Marines, in ample time for the American elections. That is one open end of the Nov. 29 agreement.

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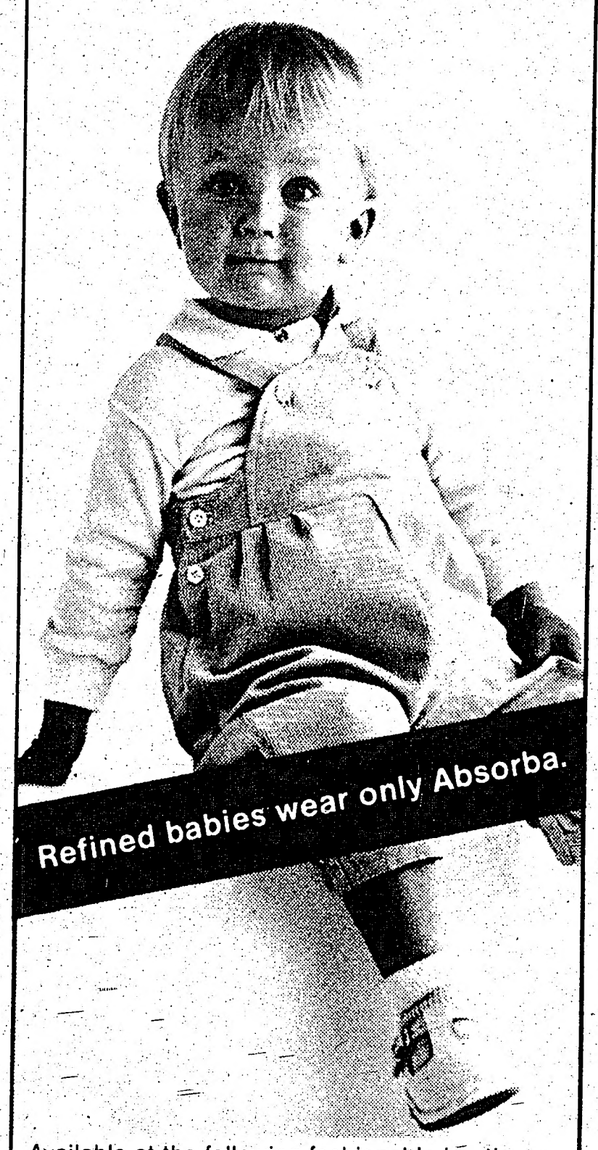

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Organizations and People

What's New

By
MIRIAM HERMAN

HOLIDAY DEADLINES

Since The CJN office will be closed Friday, Dec. 23, Monday, Dec. 26 and Friday, Dec. 30, the deadline dates for both the Dec. 29 and Jan. 5 issues will be moved forward. The deadline for material for the Dec. 29 issue is Monday, Dec. 19, at noon and for the Jan. 5 issue it is Tuesday, Dec. 27, at noon.

KEHILLAT SHAAREI TORAH NEWS

The next gathering of Kehillat Shaarei Torah's couples group on Saturday evening, Dec. 10, features **Prof. Leo Davids** of York University, whose topic is Trends for Jewish Development.

Prof. Davids will explain the results of a recent survey which was made in conjunction with the Board of Jewish Education. Copies of the results will be distributed at the meeting or are available from the synagogue office in advance.

Chairman **Adele and Barney Breslow** are hosting the meeting at their home at 38 Black Willoway, Willowdale. Call them at 498-7995 for reservations and information.

CHILDREN'S THEATRE REUNION

In the early 1930s **Dorothy Davis** and **Violet Walters** opened the Children's Theatre in Montreal and they have been at it ever since. Actor **William Shatner, Burt Metcalfe**, producer of MASH, and singer **France Joli** are just some of the hundreds of students who have studied at Children's Theatre.

Since the school will be celebrating its 50th anniversary, a grand reunion is being organized in Montreal on Feb. 18, 1984. If you are one of the Children's Theatre's many alumni and want to know more about the reunion, contact **Joy Schreiber** (416) 924-8560 or **Eleanor Shatner** (514) 932-3151 (days) or **Reuben Spector** (514) 482-8061 (evenings).

THE SKULENER REBBE

The Skulener rebbe, **Rabbi Yisroel Portugal**, Shlita, will be in Toronto from Dec. 8 through Dec. 15 and will be the guest of **Mr. and Mrs. Feivel Heller**, 216 Coldstream Ave. He will daven at Yeshiva Yesodei Hatorah, 567 Lawrence Ave. W. where he will hold a tisch on Friday night. For more information, please call **Rebbetzin G. Myski** at 781-6421.

HONORING PROF. FACKENHEIM

Toronto Zionist Council, North American Aliyah Movement and the Canadian Holocaust Remembrance Association invite the community to join in honoring distinguished philosopher-theologian **Prof. Emil L. Fackenheim** on the eve of his aliya on Thursday, Dec. 15, at 8 p.m. (sharp) in the Jerusalem Hall of the Zionist Centre, 788 Marlee Ave.

Prof. Fackenheim will present an address entitled Aliya Today. Greetings on behalf of the State of Israel will be extended by Israel Consul-General **Gideon Saguy**. A reception will follow in the Haifa Room.

Note — A selection of books by Prof. Fackenheim will be available for his personal autograph.

Chairmen of the event are **Helen Smolack** and **Prof. Noah Meltz**. For information, call 781-3571.

AT BETH TORAH

At the Saturday, Dec. 10, morning service at Beth Torah Congregation, **Rabbi Stuart Rosenberg** will discuss Jewish-Christian Dialogue: How Far Have We Come? Services begin at 9 a.m. and the rabbi's sermon is at 11. Synagogue is located at 47 Glenbrook Ave.

YOU AND YOUR AGING PARENTS

What can you and your parents reasonably expect from each other? What about feelings of anger, guilt and confusion, the physical and emotional aspects of the aging process and community resources? If these are some of your concerns, you are invited to join a group that will be discussing these and other issues relating to aging parents. The groups will be led by trained family life educators.

The workshops will take place at Jewish Family & Child Service, 4600 Bathurst St., 6th floor. One will start Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 10 from 2-3.30 and a second group will start Wednesday evening, Jan. 11 from 8-9.30. Fee is $30 per person or $55 per couple for six sessions. To register and for further information, call 638-7800, ext. 244.

IN-HOME HEBREW SCHOOLS

A new Hebrew school service is opening up in Toronto. In-Home Hebrew Schools of Toronto is promoting a new form of education. Instead of sending your child to a large, sometimes crowded, classroom after school for Hebrew lessons, **Rabbi David Cooper** of Adath Sholom Synagogue has organized home tutoring for individuals on a small-group basis. Classes are being held across the Toronto area and in Thornhill, Vaughan and York.

Because of the growing interest in this Hebrew school alternative, Rabbi Cooper is now looking for additional teachers. For information regarding teaching or lessons for yourself on your child, contact the rabbi at 635-0131.

ZIONISM AND THE DIASPORA

Zionism and the Diaspora 5744 will be the topic of the next program of the Hamilton Jewish Community Centre's Cultural Arts Committee taking place Thursday, Dec. 8, at 8.30 p.m. at Temple Anshe Sholom, Hamilton. Guest speaker will be **Monty Robbins**, executive director, Canadian Zionist Federation, Central Region.

SPECIAL PROJECT

Members of the Zaglembier Society Ladies Auxiliary meet to discuss a special project they are sponsoring, a kindergarten in Ramat Hasharon called Sabar. Standing from left to right are Lola Akerman, Esther Shafman, Fannie Pillersdorf and Nacha Weizenberg. Seated, left to right, are Rose Besser, Regina Goldfinger and Dora Woznica. [Graphic Artists photo]

IS JUDAISM A RELIGION?

The Association for the Living Jewish Spirit is holding a discussion group on Thursday, Dec. 8, on the subject Is Judaism a Religion? Everyone is welcome. The time is 8 p.m., at the Forest Hill Library Building, 666 Eglinton Ave. W.

The ALJS sees in unlimited freedom of thought and conscience an indispensible prerequisite for the living Jewish spirit in the modern age. It is not committed and does not commit its members to any specific doctrine or tenet, religious or other. President is **Rabbi Reuben Slonim**, 789-0101 and secretary is **Felix Eckstein**, 926-1368.

JUDAISM AND VEGETARIANISM

At the Jewish Vegetarian Association meeting taking place Tuesday, Dec. 13, at 8.15 p.m. at Holy Blossom Temple, youth lounge, **Rabbi Elyse Goldstein**, Holy Blossom assistant rabbi, will discuss Judaism and Vegetarianism. For further information you can call **Donna Kaplan** at 494-3087.

NEW ORT CHAPTER BEING FORMED

A new ORT chapter is being formed in the Yonge-Eglinton-Bathurst area for young women between the ages of 25 and 35 interested in stimulating, exciting programs. Contact **Marcy Gilbert** at 787-0297.

JF&CS NEEDS CLOTHING, TOYS

Infant and small-sized snowsuits, in excellent condition, are urgently required at the Jewish Family & Child Service's shop, Just A Second, 3420 Bathurst St.

Also needed are ladies' winter dresses, especially large sizes, and children's toys (please, no stuffed toys).

THE EMPIRE KOSHER AWARD

Empire Kosher Foods, Inc. has announced that Kofman-Barenholtz of Toronto recently received the Empire Kosher Award. This award is given in recognition of the many years of faithful service that Kofman-Barenholtz has given to Empire Kosher Foods.

Empire Kosher Foods, headquartered in Mifflintown, Pa., is the world's largest processor of kosher poultry.

HILLEL STUDENTS, U OF T

B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation-Jewish Students' Union of the University of Toronto is having a Chanukah party on Thursday, Dec. 8, at Hillel House, 604 Spadina Ave., starting at 7 p.m. Party includes food, music, live entertainment and singing. And, admission is free.

Don't forget to sign up for the last Shabbat dinner of the fall term. The date is Friday, Dec. 9. Services are at 4.23 p.m. and dinner is at 5.50 p.m. **Rabbi Moshe Silverman** will speak on Exams — Maintaining Your Sanity, following the dinner. Dinner tickets are $5 for members and $6 for non-members.

For information about programs, contact **Betty** at the Hillel House at 923-9861.

SOMETHING TO SING ABOUT

Do you love to sing? Enjoy the thought of learning traditional and modern Jewish songs? Then join the Toronto Jewish Women's Choir for fun-filled and interesting evenings of Jewish singing.

Open to Jewish women of all ages, the choir meets every Tuesday evening from 8-9.30 at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, Sisterhood Hall, 470 Glencairn Ave. (one block east off Bathurst). For further information, call **Devorah Lipson** at 789-3637.

NOVA SCOTIA REPORTS

Yakov Aviad, consul-general of Israel stationed in Montreal, will be the guest speaker at a Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University dinner on Sunday, Dec. 11, in Sydney, Nova Scotia.

The dinner is honoring the outgoing president of the Cape Breton Friends Chapter, **Avvie Drukker**, and the incoming president **Irving Schwartz**. Also in attendance will be the representative of the Hebrew University in Canada, **Joel Alpert**.

ASSOCIATED SCIENCES FAIR

The annual science fair run by the Associated Hebrew Schools Junior High is set for Tuesday, Dec. 13, from 7.30-9.30 p.m. at 3630 Bathurst St.

Joe Leibovitch, science chairman, reports that over 500 students from grades 7, 8 and 9 are involved in producing a project for class presentation and for science fair displays.

The focus is on a demonstration of scientific methods and there will be experimental projects on astronomy, energy conservation, conductivity, botany, polarization, magnetism, biology, sound, light and heat.

The fair is open to the public and admission is free.

BETH SHOLOM BROTHERHOOD

Toronto lawyer **Julian Porter**, chairman of the TTC (Toronto Transit Commission) will be the guest speaker at the Sunday, Dec. 11, meeting of the Beth Sholom Brotherhood Tallis and Tefillin Breakfast Club. His topic: Politicians I Have Known — A Funny Memory of Being a Politician's Son. (Mr. Porter's father, **Dana Porter**, was Ontario attorney-general under Premier **Leslie Frost**). The time is 10 a.m.

SHE'ARIM AUCTION

She'Arim, an independent communal day school for Jewish children with learning disabilities, is holding an auction on Sunday, Dec. 11, at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, 100 Elder St., Downsview. Viewing time is 6.30 p.m. and auction starts at 7.

BAKE AND GIFT SALE

Naomi Chapter B'nai B'rith Women is running a bake and gift sale on Sunday, Dec. 11, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Peanut Plaza Flea Market, 3030 Don Mills Rd. E. (north of Sheppard). Along with the home-made baking, it will feature trinkets, books and small gift items.

WIDOWED-CONNECT

Widowed-Connect, a support group for recently bereaved Jewish men and women under 55, meets on Sunday, Dec. 11, at 8 p.m. at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, 100 Elder St. For further information, call 731-4600.

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YOUTH CENTRE DEDICATION

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mandelbaum [left], attended the dedication of the youth centre in Hod Hasharon, Israel. The centre was sponsored by the Toronto Sunnyside Lodge 449 of the Independent Order of Foresters and co-sponsored by the Noar Haoved program of Histadrut. President of Sunnyside Lodge is Nat Greenspan. Emmanual Don is vice-chairman; Bernie Weinberger, treasurer and Mr. Mandelbaum is secretary. With the Mandelbaums is Moishe Melles, one of the directors of the Histadrut in Tel Aviv.

Organizations and People

What's New

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THE BOOK OF EZEKIEL

Prof. Sy Langer will be speaking at the T'Nach Study Group meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 14, at 8 p.m. at the Associated Hebrew Schools (board room), 3630 Bathurst St. His topic will be The Book of Ezekiel, Chapters 8 and 9.

The T'Nach Study Group is under the auspices of the Toronto Jewish Congress. The meeting is open to the public.

LINE AND BALLROOM DANCING

The line and ballroom dancing at Earl Bales Seniors' Place is now in full swing. Come out on Wednesday evenings from 7.30-9.30 and have an enjoyable evening with **Ada Goldblatt**.

Earl Bales Seniors' Place is in Earl Bales Park at Bathurst and Sheppard.

at the jcc

The Koffler Loggia Gallery, Koffler Centre of the Arts of the Jewish Community Centre, 4588 Bathurst St., is exhibiting a display of photographs and graphics showing forgotten graveyards of Poland prepared by **Jurek Denisiuk**. The artist will be at the gallery on Dec. 15. Show runs to Jan. 3.

Polish up your dancing shoes and come out to the rooftop party and dance at the northern JCC on Thursday, Dec. 15, at 7.30 p.m. There will be refreshments, disc jockey and door prizes. Tickets are $5 in advance per person and $6 at the door. They are limited, so pick yours up in advance. JCC members and non-members are welcome. For more information, call 636-1880, ext. 235.

Beverley Carr, author of Color Me Beautiful, will be the next guest speaker at the Topics Unlimited lecture series sponsored by the PACE department of the Koffler Centre. The date is Monday, Dec. 12, from 12.30-2 p.m. in the Teen Lounge. Her topic will be Color Me Beautiful — Discover Your Natural Beauty. Admission is $1. No pre-registration is necessary. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call 636-1880, ext. 233 or 243.

The northern JCC will be offering three courses for mothers-to-be and new mothers in January. Pre-registration in person is necessary for these 10-session classes. Pre-Natal Fitness will be given Jan. 3 and 5 at 9.30 a.m. and Jan. 5 and 9 at 7 p.m. Post Partum Fitness will be offered on Jan. 9 at 1.30 p.m. (New babies welcome). Childbirth Preparation will start Jan. 3, 4 and 5 at 7.30 p.m. For information, contact **Eva Karpati** at 636-1880, ext. 255.

Adults at the Leah Posluns Theatre School of the Koffler Centre can learn the basics of acting for general interest or as a step in the right direction for entering the "business." Courses include acting techniques, improvisation, scene workshops, directing, script writing and an introductory daytime acting course, plus novice courses for children and teens. Classes begin in January. For more information, contact **Rose Dubin** at 636-1880, ext. 230 or the registrar at ext. 243.

An Israeli folkdance workshop, organized by the dance department of the Koffler Centre, will be held Jan. 7, 8 and 11. Prominent Israeli folkdance leader **Yaakov Eden** will be the instructor. For detail information and reservations, contact **Teme Kernerman** at 636-1880, ext. 339 or 261.

At the Bloor branch — A Chanukah dance sponsored by the **Bloor Single Parents** of the Bloor JCC is set for Sunday, Dec. 10, at 8 p.m. So, get your friends together and come out for a fun time. Admission is $5. Advance tickets may be obtained at the Bloor, northern and North-East JCC branches. Dance takes place at the Bloor JCC, 750 Spadina Ave. (corner Bloor). Contact **Mark Egan** at 924-6211 for more information . . . A beauty, health and nutrition workshop for women only will be given on Thursday, Dec. 15, from 7.30-9.30 p.m. by **Carola Barczak**, nutritionist and expert in the field of health and beauty. Admission is $1 for JCC members and $2 for non-members. For more information, phone Mark Egan . . . A variety of courses for children of all ages begin the week of Jan. 8 and are open to all members of the community. Registration begins Wednesday, Dec. 14. For a flyer and more information, contact **Florence Marantz**, co-ordinator of children's programs at 924-6211 . . . Winter Vactaion Fun Days for children in grades 1-6 will run at the Bloor JCC from Dec. 19-30. Pre-registration is necessary. For details contact Florence Marantz.

At the North-East branch — The Women Over 40 Group invites you to an interesting and provoking lecture by **Rabbi Elliot Diamond** on Women in Judaism on Wednesday, Dec. 14, at 8 p.m. at the JCC Valley, 7015 Leslie St. (north of Steeles). Admission is $2 for members and $3 for non-members. For information, call the NE office at 889-0813 . . . You are also invited to the Young Couple Club Chanukah party on Saturday, Dec. 10, at 8 p.m. Don't miss this opportunity to celebrate Chanukah with delicious food (pot luck dairy), music and good company. For information and location, call **Susan Levine** at the NE office . . . The Couples Over 40 Group is hosting an evening of Travel Talk with **Judy Wolfe** from All About Travel on Sunday, Dec. 11, at 8 p.m. at the JCC Valley. Her presentation will be Planning a Special Winter Vacation For You. Call Susan Levine at the NE office for more information.

singles

The **Jewish Community Singles 25-35** years invite you to a dance on Saturday, Dec. 10, at 8 p.m. at the JCC Valley, 7015 Leslie St. (north of Steeles). Admission is $4 for JCC members with cards and $5 for non-members. Newcomers to Toronto are especially welcome . . . 10-pin bowling is arranged for Sunday, Dec. 11, at 2 p.m. and 5-pin bowling for Thursday, Dec. 15, at 7 p.m. at York Bowl, 545 Wilson Ave. . . . For information about activities, contact **Ruth Goodman** at 636-1880, ext. 335, any Wednesday.

The **Holy Blossom Temple 40 + Singles** annual meeting on Sunday, Dec. 11, at 8 p.m. will include introduction of new executives followed by a post-Chanukah party. It takes place in the temple's Eisendrath Auditorium . . . And don't forget about the bridge on Thursday evenings at 8.

The **Men's Awareness Group**, a support group for separated and divorced Jewish men under 55, begins a series of eight successive Tuesday sessions on Jan. 10. For information, call 731-4600.

The Chanukah dance sponsored by the **Bloor Single Parents** at the Bloor JCC 750 Spadina Ave. (corner Bloor) is set for Saturday, Dec. 10, at 8 p.m. So, get your friends together and come out for a fun time. Admission is $5. Advance tickets are available at the Bloor, northern and North-East branches of the JCC.

Jewish Singles Travel Registry is for people who like to travel and related activities. New events starting in January include guest speakers and mini-courses in French, Spanish and Hebrew. Volunteers are also welcome. Call **Elaine Bloom** at 499-1584 or write 17 Castlebury Cres., Willowdale, M2H 1W7.

Holy Blossom Single/Single Parents Group is holding a winter dance on Sunday, Dec. 11, at 8 p.m. in the temple's Philip Smith Hall. Admission, at $6 for members and $8 for non-members, include wine and refreshments. For additional information, call **Elliott** at 638-3548.

North-East Jewish Single Parents Group is having family bowling on Sunday, Dec. 11, at 2.30 p.m. at York Bowl, 545 Wilson Ave. Members' children are free. Non-members are charged $1.20 per game, show included . . . Volleyball is arranged for Sunday, Dec. 11, from 8-10 p.m. at the JCC northern branch, 4588 Bathurst St. . . . On Wednesday, Dec. 14, the last of the Family Law series with lawyer **Jane Silver** will be an open discussion and questions sessions. The time is 8 p.m. at the JCC Valley. The fee is $1 for members and $2 for non-members . . . For information about all programs, contact **Susan Levine** at the NE office at 889-0813.

Stan Glass Social and Travel Association for singles of all ages has planned another exciting social and travel evening with an Israeli theme. On Monday, Dec. 12, at 8 p.m. at Earl Bales Community Centre, Room 4, 4169 Bathurst St. (in the park at Bathrust and Sheppard) **Gil Kaynan**, deputy director of the Israel Government Tourist Office together with **Mucie Kaplansky**, of El Al Israel Airlines will introduce many of Israel's new tourist attractions. The presentation will include a film and slide presentation, a selection of trips to Israel, refreshments and prizes. Admission is free for members and $3 for non-members. Also, inquire about the Caribbean cruise departing in March and other trips. For trip reservations, membership and information about the association, contact Stan Glass at 638-0747 or 593-0600.

Alternatives has a limited number of tickets for the Silk Roads China Ships exhibit at the Royal Ontario Museum for Thursday, Dec. 15. For details, contact **Linda** at 925-6093.

Dimensions Extravagant Singles Travel Group is now in full operation. Monthly meetings are offered — location to be discussed — to get some ideas on future trips. Also, there will be coffee houses, dances and other outings. The next trip will be discussed on Jan. 18, at 8 p.m. at the B'nai B'rith Building, 15 Hove St. For information about meetings, contact **Marshal** at 669-9388 and 669-9389 (days) or 222-1352.

There is a rooftop party and dance at the northern JCC on Thursday, Dec. 15, at 7.30 p.m., complete with refreshments, disc jockey and door prizes. Tickets are $5 in advance or $6 at the door. They are limited, so pick yours up in advance. JCC members and non-members are welcome. For more information, call 636-1880, ext. 235.

South-West Jewish Single Parents Group provides a wide variety of social and cultural activities for single parents and children and also adult activities. The group meets every second Thursday of the month at the Bloor JCC main lounge. The meeting on Thursday, Dec. 8, at 8 p.m. will be a group discussion on The Role of Single Parents Groups and Canadian Jewish Society. Membership applications at $10, including newsletter, will be accepted at the meeting. For further information, contact **Mark Egan** at 924-6211 or **Maurice** at 656-6404.

for seniors

Club Chaverim, the North-East Jewish seniors group, welcomes all senior adults to its programs. The club meets every Monday at Beth Tikvah Synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave. The program on Dec. 12 at 1.30 p.m. is the film May Peace Begin With Me. This is one of the finest documentary films to come out of Israel and should be seen by anyone seeking to understand the mind of Israel today. Admission is 50 cents for members and 75 cents for non-members . . . But come out for the morning programs too—oil painting, variety club, physical fitness—and stay on for the afternoon. Bring a dairy lunch or buy a catered lunch (cheeses, salads, fruit, all you can eat for $1) . . . For information about activities, call **Rose Shapiro** at the NE office at 889-0813.

The **Workmen's Circle Social Club [60+]** meets on Tuesday, Dec. 13, at 12 noon, at 471 Lawrence Ave. W. for lunch and entertainment. For information, call **Shirley Grotell** at 222-7727.

At the Wednesday, Dec. 14, meeting of the **Holy Blossom Temple Alumni, Marshal Chasin**, audiologist, Canadian Hearing Society, will talk about Hearing Health Education. The time is 1.30 p.m.

The **Beth Tzedec Friendship Club + 50** meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 13, at 1.15 p.m. will feature **Bette Elly Klimitz** singing Broadway favorites. Refreshments and coffee will be served and everyone is welcome. Non-members of the club are charged $1.50.

The **Beth Sholom Seniors** draw for 10 days in Florida at the DeLido Hotel was held at its Nov. 9 meeting. The lucky winner is **Min Sugar**, a member of the seniors' group.

The **Adath Sholom Jubilee Club's** next general meeting takes place Monday, Dec. 12, at 1 p.m. at the synagogue, 864 Sheppard Ave. W. Following a brief business agenda, the congregation's **Rabbi David Cooper** will present a slide commentary on his recent

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UIA MENORAH MEMENTO

Zvi Garcy [left] of the Keren Hayesod, Jerusalem, whose services to the United Israel Appeal in Canada have won a remarkable reputation, was honored at the UIA annual general meeting held in Toronto recently. He was presented with a menorah on behalf of the UIA by Joe Ain [left] the organization's immediate past president. With them is Mrs. Zvia Garcy. Mr. Garcy described the award as "symbolic of the generosity which Canadian Jewry has for Israel."

SPIRIT OF CHANUKAH

Chanukah is really a traditional children's celebration, and the grade 6 students of the Associated Hebrew Schools shared the spirit of the festival by bringing joy to the older adults of Pine Villa, a residence for independent retirement. From left to right are Pine Villa residents Sam Yanofsky, Jennie Snider [former principal of Associated] and Jennie Feldman and Associated students Eitan Mammon, Sharon Martell and Ron Cuttler. Standing at the back [behind Eitan] is Gayle Sable, Pine Villa administrator.

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Israel/Egypt tour. Refreshments will be served. Cost is $1 for Jubilee Club members and $1.50 for non-members. For information, contact the synagogue office at 635-0131.

Do you enjoy singing? Do you like a variety of music, including Hebrew, Yiddish and English songs? The newly-formed Adath Sholom Jubilee Choir and Performance Group, under the direction of **Beverley Breslow**, may be just what you are looking for. The group meets weekly at Adath Sholom Synagogue. For more information, contact the synagogue office at 635-0131.

At the **Wagman Centre** — The first of a 2-session series on The Role of Women in Jewish Ethics with **Albert Levovitz** takes place Monday, Dec. 12, at 2.30 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge . . . The Wagman Centre is one of four senior centres that has given space to the snow rebate program of North York. Seven Baycrest volunteers work with program co-ordinator **Terrie Korn** of the City of North York to administer the program. Eligible participants have either automatic clearing of the snow left by municipal plows at the end of their driveway or receive a rebate for hiring someone to clear that snow. For eligibility requirements and further details, call 783-SNOW.

For the 21st consecutive year, Wilson Heights B'nai B'rith will be enabling Baycrest Jewish Home for the Aged residents to place Chanukah phone calls on Sunday, Dec. 11, to relatives around the world. Lodge members socialize with the residents and help them to make the pre-arranged calls.

Reservations for wheelchair transportation during the holiday period are now being accepted by PHIACS, a non-profit charitable organization which provides wheelchair transportation for the disabled and elderly. Call PHIACS at 663-5544 between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m., Monday to Friday. Phone soon and get the times you want. PHIACS stands for Physically Handicapped Independent Advancement Community Services.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

On Sunday, Dec. 11, at 2 p.m., the Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living, 1003 Steeles Ave. W., is featuring The Entertainers — singers **Betty Dinetz and Murray Kirsh** with piano accompaniment — presenting a blend of Jewish music and comedy. Admission is free.

The Wednesday afternoon social on Dec. 14 will be a fashion show by Caravan Clothes with members as models. The time is 1.15 p.m. There is no charge for members. Non-members are welcome for a nominal charge of $1.

The Biblical Commentaries series continues with **Rabbi Moses Burak** on Thursday, Dec. 15, at 1 p.m. Admission is free.

For information about all programs, call the centre at 225-2112.

About People

BOARD CHAIRMAN OF UAHC

Charles J. Rothschild Jr., of Teaneck, N.J. was elected chairman of the board of trustees of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations at its recent 57th biennial general assembly. He succeeds Donald S. Day of Buffalo who completed two 2-year terms in the post.

Mr. Rothschild, 62, joined the UAHC board in 1963 and served as treasurer before being elected vice chairman in 1963.

Rabbi Alexander Schindler is president of UAHC which represents 770 Reform synagogues in the U.S. and Canada with a membership of 1.25 million.

NAMED DEPUTY MINISTER

Sylvia Ostry has been named deputy minister of international trade and coordinator for international economic relations for the external affairs department. Mrs. Ostry, 56, returned to Canada in September after a 3-year stint as chief economist for the Paris-based Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development. On her return she was made a special economics advisor.

ABOUT OUR CANTORS

Cantor Benjamin Maissner, cantor and music director of Holy Blossom Temple, who is currently vice-president of the Toronto Council of Hazzanim, officiated at Shabbat and havdala services during the biennial convention of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations held in Houston, Texas recently.

Also, the Toronto Cantorial Trust Fund has elected new officers. The new chairman is **Cantor Martin Rosenblum. Cantor Joseph Cooper** is vice-chairman and **Alex Elsen** is secretary-treasurer.

NEW MEMBERS

The Jewish Community Centre recently welcomed 250 new members at an orientation evening. A slide presentation showing the history of the agency, from its earliest days at the beginning of this century to the present, was shown with the narration done by Fred Tittel [right], honorary vice-president; Marty Mendelow [left], JCC president, and Patricia Starr, chairman of membership. This kind of orientation night will become a regular event at the JCC.

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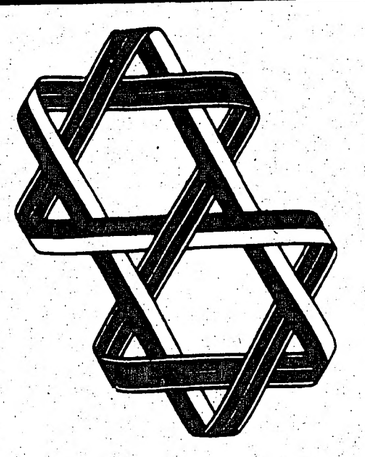

UJA Campaign Countdown

WEEK 15

Another week to go and we're looking good!

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With Chanukah upon us, the Lipa Green Building is bulging with people and action, with night and day telethons.

Accountants, doctors, dentists, Business, B'nai B'rith, Women's Division, Young Adults, Young Lawyers, Synagogues . . . you name it.

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Women's Division scheduled two evening telethons as well as a Sunday morning telethon, which Chairman **Gella Rothstein** feels should go a long way toward cleaning up outstanding cards.

Word is out that Gella did herself and Toronto proud as the only Canadian participant to address a session geared to chairman and presidents of Women's Divisions of UJA and Federation, at the recent General Assembly in Atlanta.

Under the heading, Coping with Change, Gella focussed her remarks on "the role of the president in insuring a sound future."

Other Toronto UJA women who attended the GA were: **Julia** and **Mira Koschitzky, Anne Handelman, Adrienne Offman, Sheila Engel** (recipient of the Leadership Development Award), **Judy Scheininger, Rochelle Diamond** and **Renee Rubenstein.**

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Young Lawyers division, under the co-chairmanship of **Sheldon Disenhouse, Barry Edson** and **Ernie Roll**, held a telethon on December 6. This newly-formed division has been gathering steam throughout the campaign.

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The contribution of exams and the holiday break has managed to take a big chunk out of December campaign activities for students on Toronto's two major campuses. They have extended their campaign into the New Year, with January designated **UJA Month.**

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The B'nai Brith regulars have done it again . . . time and time again. Last Monday evening was miserable — persistent rain and high winds — but co-chairmen **Hy Binstock** and **Sid Menkes** still came out for their scheduled telethon, along with **Paul Bauer, Al Rich, Moe Freedman, Sam Horowitz, Casper Koffler, David Stokes, Roza Kovalski, Saul Goldberg** and **Jerry Genesove.** We appreciate your commitment!

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Susan Goldberg and **Hilary Goldenberg**, co-chairmen of the 1984 Leadership Development Course sponsored by UJA Women's Division, are delighted with the response the series received.

The four programs, held each Tuesday in November, covered a variety of topics ranging from Our Jewish Heritage, to an indepth look at UJA and its functions.

The series serves as an invaluable tool to educate young women and help broaden their understanding of the Jewish commercial structure in all its many facets, as well as encourage participation in UJA.

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Continuing where we left off last week with doings in the Societies division —

Yaacov Pachter, chief Executive Officer of Bank Hapoalim (Canada), was guest speaker at a UJA luncheon of the Farband of Lithuanian Jews, headed by president **Sam Rappaport**, with **E. Abramowicz** UJA chairman. The Farband's executive includes **David Buchstein** and **Fruma Lichtblau.** President of the society's Masada Chapter is **Matla Kavin.**

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M. Sankiewicz, recently-appointed UJA chairman of the Bnai Radom Society, along with president **Sam Bresler**, report their campaign has just about reached completion — and a successful one, they add.

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A UJAS campaign brunch held under the auspices of the Keltzer Society, was arranged by **Phillip Platt** and UJA chairman **Sam John.** Society secretary is **M. Lazebnik.**

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We hope this Chanukah has been a happy one for you and your family.

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Have you phoned in your reservation for our closing "UJA's Evening of Stars" on December 14 at Beth Tzedec? If not, please do so, as seating is limited. Call us at 635-2883, ext. 174 and let us know you will be joining your fellow campaigners for a wonderful night of fun and the best in entertainment featuring **Mike Burstyn**, the star of the Broadway hit show "BARNUM!" Don't be disappointed, call now.

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Organizations and People

Ina Fichman speaks at a recent seminar. Seated, from left, are Arna Poupko, Rabbi Elyse Goldstein, Norma Joseph and Kitty Hoffman.

Jewish women debate "separate but equal" role

By
INA FICHMAN

OTTAWA —
A 1-day conference, sponsored by JSU-Hillel, was held here recently to discuss religious and social issues faced by today's Jewish women.

More than 125 women attended the seminar, entitled Women in Judaism: Separate But Equal? and there were mixed feelings at the conclusion.

Some were "delighted with the opportunity to deal with the topic of women and Judaism in such an open form," while others felt that "inadequate attention was given to all points of view" and that "the Orthodox position was given undue emphasis."

There were three keynote speakers.

Norma Joseph, lecturer at Concordia University, Montreal, on Women in Judaism, said, "in order to be a responsible female Jew, one has to immerse oneself in prayer."

Rabbi Elyse Goldstein, assistant rabbi at Holy Blossom Temple in Toronto felt that her topic, Women in the Rabbinate, was not an issue. Her main contention was that the prevailing attitude amongst Jewish feminists is pro choice. "Every woman has the right to choose the path she'd like to take vis-a-vis public leadership in the secular and religious Jewish community," said Goldstein.

Arna Poupko, a doctoral student of religion at the University of Toronto, spoke on The Halachic Woman: The True Radical Feminist.

Poupko said one must avoid trying to translate secular feminism into Jewish feminism. "We must change the definition of feminist. We must cease all limitations of masculine behavior and develop that which is uniquely feminine."

More than half of the participants requested the formation of a study group to continue examining some of the issues discussed.

Human rights week marked

TORONTO —
Human Rights Week is being celebrated this week under auspices of the Ontario Human Rights Commission to mark the 35th anniversary of the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

The celebration started at the beginning of the week with the unveiling of a commemorative human rights document at Queens Park by Premier William Davis, Ontario minister of labor Russell H. Ramsay and Canon Borden C. Purcell, the chairman of the Human Rights Commission.

The document states that public policy in Ontario aims for "the creation of a climate of understanding and mutual respect for the dignity and worth of each person so that each person feels a part of the community."

It also reprints excerpts from Ontario's Human Rights Code, enacted in 1981, which prohibits discrimination "because of race, ancestry, place of origin, color, ethnic origin, citizenship, creed, sex, age, marital status, family status or handicap."

Under the legislation, anyone who believes that he or she has been discriminated against in a way prohibited by the Code can complain to the Ontario Human Rights Commission. Cases dealt with recently by the Commission include that of an employee dismissed for taking time off work for a religious holiday.

He was reinstated, with compensation for lost earnings, and with an agreement that allowed him to observe up to ten holy days each year.

In his announcement of the week-long celebration, Canon Purcell stated that activities commemorating the anniversary "will also serve to increase community awareness of human rights as protected in the Ontario Human Rights Code, and to promote the dignity and worth of people in Canada and throughout the world."

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Religious Zionist in approach

New day school planned

By
PATRICIA RUCKER

TORONTO —
A new religious Zionist elementary day school is planning to open its doors to junior and senior kindergarten and grade 1 children next fall.

According to Rabbi Dr. Jon Blumberg and Rabbi Elliot Diamond, who head the planning committee for the Netivot Hatorah school (the name means "pathways of the Torah"), the school will be "Orthodox in its approach, committed to the state of Israel, and very much concerned with the needs of the individual child."

Classes will have approximately 22 to 25 children each, and the school will be located close to the Bathurst corridor.

Blumberg and Diamond, who are both Talmud teachers at the Community Hebrew Academy, are presently looking for an education director and for rental classrooms.

The idea for the school began as the two young rabbis talked over their plans for their two young sons.

"The ideal institution did not exist," Diamond said, "so we had to decide whether to compromise — and we didn't want to.

"Nor did we think it was fair or just to expect changes in existing institutions because they are fulfilling a constituency and doing it very well."

Discussions with other parents led to plans for a school that would incorporate the following ideals:

- A strong religious atmosphere, with, said Blumberg "some type of active encouragement of observation of the mitzvot" outside the school as well as within;
- Mixed classes, because "we believe very strongly in equal education for boys and girls, and we also believe that in the long run, the co-ed atmosphere will lead to a healthier relationship between boys and girls;"
- The teaching of Hebrew in Hebrew as the language of Israel — "ivrit b'ivrit";
- An educational program which will include drama, music, and art.

The steering committee expects to have full enrolment in the kindergartens, and a viable grade 1 class. The school plans to add one grade per year through the full elementary grades to high school entrance.

Blumberg and Diamond acknowledge that, until the school has been in existence for long enough to meet criteria for community subsidization, the costs of the school will have to be met by the parents and by an active fund raising campaign, but they are convinced, after 150 parents turned up for their first information meeting recently, that there is "a large constituency which is not being adequately served now.

"We're looking for a grassroots organization of like-minded parents to make the dream a reality."

Anyone interested in further information can call 781-9847 or 781-7636.

UJA total may top last year's campaign

By
BOB GOTTLIEB

TORONTO —
Lionel Schipper, co-chairman with Issy Sharp of the United Jewish Appeal, announced last week that the 1984 drive "is on the verge of surpassing last year's UJA regular campaign total."

Addressing 50 members of the UJA leadership and key campaign canvassers, Sharp said: ". . . this means, by the time of our Dec. 14 closing, that we should peak with the highest-ever peacetime campaign total in the history of the Toronto Jewish community."

Schipper noted that 22,000 UJA commitments had been amassed as of Nov. 28. This total — given the intensity of final canvassing efforts by more than 2,000 campaign volunteers — is expected to climb to the 30,000 mark by the closing date.

Schipper said the number of new campaign gifts, particularly in UJA's women's Division, and the Accountants and Young Adults Divisions, were "especially gratifying."

Status reports by UJA divisional leaders were tabled during the breakfast-and-briefing session, including those from Charlie Diamond (Business), Dr. Shim Felsen (Physicians), Leo Fine (Lawyers), Donald Rafelman (Major Gifts), Gella Rothstein (Women's Division), Michael Shulman (Accountants) and Stan Tepner (Young Adults).

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Reminder: *FRI., DEC. 9* - **CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY SHABBAT DINNER.** Services: *4:30 p.m.* Dinner: *5:45 p.m.* Candlelighting NO LATER than 4:20 p.m.

SAT., DEC. 10, 12 noon (following services) - **SHABBAT STUDY LUNCHEON** with guest speaker **Rabbi Morris B. Margolies.** Topic: **Do Jews in America have a Future? Unfavourable Phenomena.**

SUN., DEC. 11, 9:30 a.m. (after services) - **MEN'S CLUB BREAKFAST SPEAKER.** Speaker: **Rabbi Morris Margolies.** Topic: **Grounds for Optimism — the Future of North American Jewry.** This lecture is part of the weekend series endowed by the Topper Family.

TUES., DEC. 20, 1:15 p.m. - **FRIENDSHIP CLUB PLUS 50 - FOLK DANCES.** Guest artists: **Chai Folk Dancers** and **Teme Kernerman,** conductor. Everyone welcome. Coffee & refreshments. Non-members $1.50.

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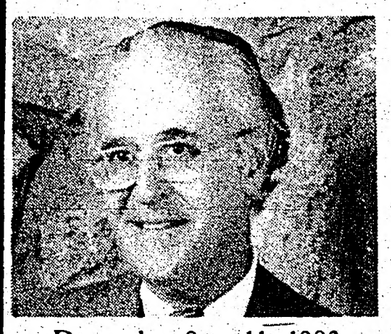

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December 9, Friday evening — Sisterhood Shabbat Dinner
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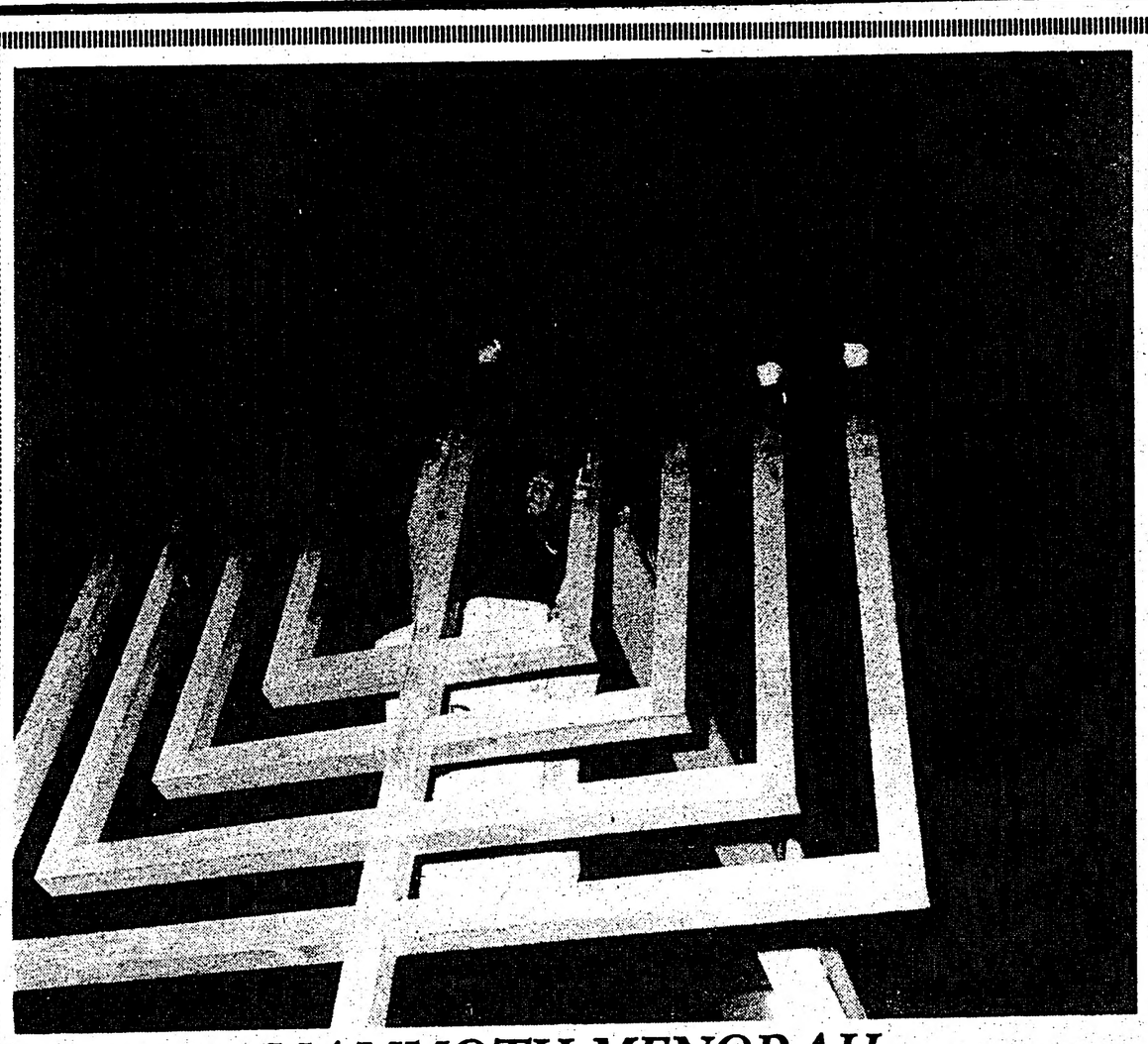
December 10, Saturday morning — from the Pulpit
Topic: **A Healthy Breakdown**
Shabbat Study Luncheon — 12 noon
Topic: **Unfavourable Phenomena**
December 11, Sunday morning, 10 a.m.
Topic: **Grounds for Optimism — The Future of North American Jewry**

Rabbi Margolies, Ph.D., is an orator, scholar and the author of a number of books on Homiletics and on Jewish History.

Organizations and People



MAMMOTH MENORAH

Solicitor-General Bob Kaplan lights up what is probably Canada's largest Chanukah menorah in front of Toronto's old city hall. Menorah was erected by the Lubavitcher. A construction cherry picker took Kaplan to the top. [Graphic Artists photo]

Harvard divinity prof gets brotherhood award

By
CAROLYN BLACKMAN

TORONTO —
A professor of divinity at the Harvard Divinity School, Krister Stendahl, was the winner of the Nicholas and Hedy Munk Brotherhood Award for 1983.

The award was set up 10 years ago by Nicholas Munk, a Toronto businessman and communal leader, through the Munk Charitable Trust and provides a prize of $10,000 every two years to a person "who has stimulated and encouraged understanding between Jews and non-Jews and has contributed to the worldwide struggle against anti-semitism."

Accepting his award last week at a banquet sponsored by the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews at the Royal York Hotel, Stendahl told the 1,000 guests that "a world in which Christians and Jews live together happily is a matter of life and death...."

He said the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews "is one of the best councils of any country in the world — I stand in awe of these people."

Peter Munk, nephew of Nicholas, who presented the award to Stendahl in his uncle's absence, said that Stendahl "constantly works at building respect and trust between all human beings. He has accepted a challenge of co-existence."

Messages of congratulations were read from Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau, Premier William Davis and Brian Mulroney.

Stendahl who chairs the Consultation on the Church and the Jewish people (World Council of Churches) said that "one must respect and want peace oneself before starting with others."

Munk said that Stendahl is not only "one of the great intellectuals of our era but is also a human being full of sensitivity, joy and respect for all fellow men."

Krister Stendahl

Chanukah clowning around

By
VIVIEN SHARON

TORONTO —
Noodles is a Chanukah clown. If your party isn't lively enough with dreidls spinning, steamy sour cream or applesauce latkes, menorah lights and holiday songs, perhaps Noodles is what you've been missing.

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"I enjoy making children happy and seeing their parents laugh along and participate. Chanukah and Purim are my two favorite holidays — especially for clowning around," says Noodles, who in reality is John Witchel, 26, of Downsview.

In fact, for Noodles, this is the busiest season of the year. He's just appeared with his bag of tricks for a Unity Lodge B'nai B'rith party and at Shaar Shalom Synagogue.

He has performed for the Reena Foundation, North York Branson Hospital, Hospital for Sick Children, UNICEF Canada and in numerous shopping malls throughout the Metro and greater Toronto areas. He has also appeared on Newton Cablevision.

For Noodles, a self-taught clown who revels in magic, it's fun being funny. "I've always enjoyed puppets, dressing up in costume and being a master merrymaker."

For Noodles, who enjoys anything social as well as sports, laughter is always a better remedy than chicken soup. "If latkes and laughter don't work, nothing will," he says.

Noodles can be reached at 630-1424 or 636-5547. He performs at private birthday parties and charges from $40 to $55 per appearance.

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Organizations and People

BBW panel condemns video sex and violence

By
PATRICIA RUCKER

TORONTO —
The availability in Ontario outlets of videotapes featuring a combination of sex and violence "clearly must be stopped."

This opinion represented the only consensus that could be reached by members of a panel discussion on pornography held recently by B'nai B'rith Women of Canada.

And it was voiced by the representative of the videotape industry on the panel, James Sintzel, a lawyer who is president of the Video Retailers Association of Canada and who has represented both video and magazine dealers in obscenity trials.

The panel was the second session of a seminar sponsored by B'nai B'rith Women as part of an education campaign against the public distribution of hard core pornographic material.

At their national convention earlier this year, BB Women had voted to "urge provincial attorneys - general and the attorney-general of Canada to strengthen the law against obscenity" and to control the distribution of such material.

The panel, which was chaired by North York alderman Elinor Caplan, included Cpl. Ron Kirkpatrick, the head of Project P, a joint squad made up of members of the Ontario Provincial Police and the Metro Toronto force. The squad investigates and prosecutes the manufacturers, producers and distributors of obscene material.

Other panelists were Nancy Pollock, the president of Canadians for Decency, Dr. Mark Ben-Aron, a forensic psychiatrist with the Clarke Institute of Psychiatry in Toronto, and Rabbi Moshe Silverman, director of Hillel at the University of Toronto.

Kirkpatrick told the audience of 60 women and 15 men that in a legal sense "violence unaccompanied by sex is not obscene; degradation is not obscene; and videotapes are not within the mandate of the Ontario Censor Board. Anyone over the age of 16 with a credit card can rent a videotape."

Approximately one-third of the audience had, at the previous week's session, seen a series of excerpts prepared by Project P from video films which have been or currently are available in Ontario.

(The excerpts begin with a technically sophisticated hang gliding scene which has overtly sexual material only on the sound track and end with two extremely violent scenes from I Spit on Your Grave, a film about rape and revenge.)

On one of the most sensitive issues, whether there is a correlation between violent pornography and violent sex crimes, Ben-Aron pointed out that the question has been a subject of serious scientific investigation for only the past 10 to 15 years, and that a survey of the available literature leaves the reader with "increased confusion."

"It is difficult to ascribe a simple cause and effect relationship," he said, but in certain circumstances, for certain individuals, "pornography can contribute to violent sexual aggression towards women."

Members of the audience were clearly upset by Sintzel's statements, which opposed the combination of violence and pornography on the one hand but claimed that "no one's being hurt by an obscene videotape in an adult house."

"The actresses in those films are being hurt," one women said. "What about their human rights?"

But Rabbi Silverman, who confessed to finding it "difficult" to participate in the panel, and who had, on principle, not attended the first session, received warm applause when he summed up his position.

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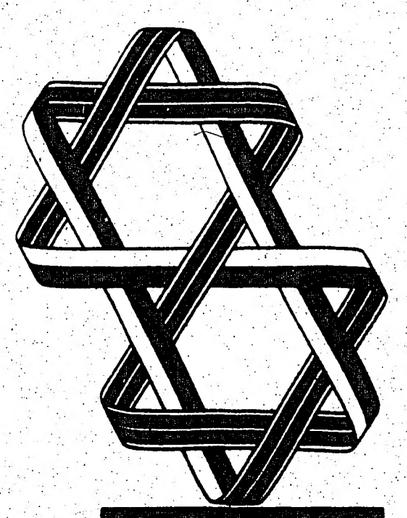

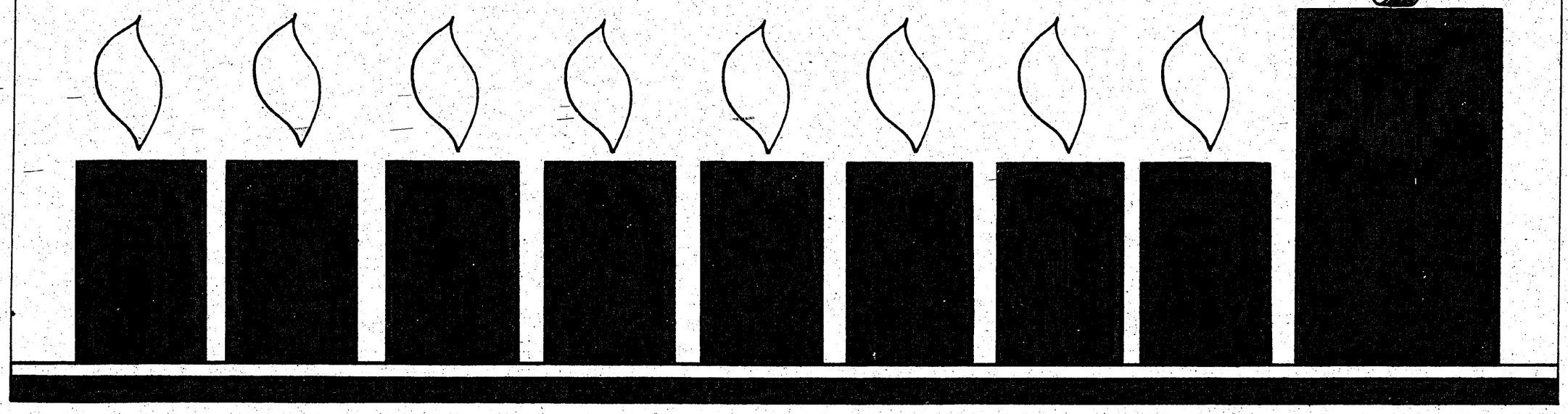

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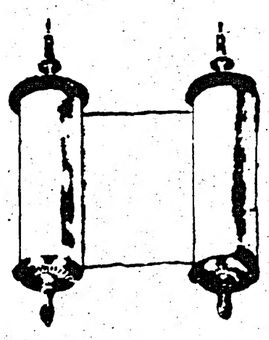

sparks from the torah

By
RABBI MEIR URI GOTTESMAN

Parshat Vayigash

It's good to live a long life — but it should be filled with Torah and mitzvahs.

When the Shaagas Aryeh was accepted as rabbi of Volozshin, the community whispered that he was already an old man — who knew how long he would hold the post?

The great scholar heard of the murmuring, and at his drasha he said: "We find that when Joseph introduced his father Jacob to Pharaoh, Pharaoh asked, 'How many are the days of the years of your life?"

Answered Jacob: "The days of the years of my sojournings are 130 years; few and evil have been the days of the years of my life . . . and they have not attained the days of the years of the life of my fathers. . . ."

The question is: Why did Pharaoh ask him how old he was? And why did Jacob have to tell a whole story of how bad his days were? Who cares?

But when Jacob came to Egypt, the famine ended and there was suddenly blessing. Pharaoh saw that it was because of Jacob, and he wanted to find how much longer he would have Jacob around. Jacob reassured him: "I'm not so old. I still have many years to go — the age of my fathers. Why do I look so old? Because of all the tzures I've had until now."

So also I, continued the Shaagas Aryeh, I am not so old — I have just had many troubles. . . .

Old age is beautiful. Gray hair is not something to be hidden, but honored. Every wrinkle is a sign of struggle and victory over life — especially when it is full of maasim tovim — good deeds.

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No one can measure the holiness of life — and of every Jewish neshama.

After 22 years, 11 brothers now stood before the disguised Joseph — and then he revealed himself: "Anee Yosef . . . I am Joseph!"

His brothers stood there shocked: "And his brothers could not answer him, because they were frightened of his presence. . . ."

Why were they frightened?

Because — explains the Sefat Emet — Joseph suddenly revealed his holy presence, the light that shines around every tzaddik. They looked and were stunned. Was this the Joseph they had accused of being wicked? Was this the man they sold into slavery?

Look at the shine about him! Look at his holiness! Is this what we tampered with? They were sorely ashamed.

There is such holiness all around us. There is holiness in the next person. There is holiness in our homes, in our paper, in our car, in everything that G-d creates. There is holiness in computers, in our clothing, our food.

Some day there will come that time when not Joseph — but the Almighty Himself — reveals himself. We will see everyone and everything for what they were. Holiness! Instruments of kedusha! Everything is alive that could be used to serve G-d, to climb, climb higher towards sanctity.

This we wasted? This opportunity we blew? This person we slighted? All around us we searched for G-d, and there was holiness in every step we took — and we didn't know?

Everything in the world is holy — when we use it to serve G-d.

Shabbat Shalom.

Chapter seeks younger leaders

Friends of Hebrew U meet Harmon

By
MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON —

A small group of Friends of the Hebrew University gathered at the home of new Hamilton chapter president Milton Lewis recently, for what he hoped would be some "consciousness raising" about the university and to meet with its chancellor, Avraham Harman.

For the past two or three years the Hamilton chapter has been "relatively low key," explained Lewis and his intention, he said, is to try and revive the group and "to create a greater community awareness."

His main objective is to "create a core of younger people who will be able to move into a strategic position for the further development of a support group for the university, but he has no intention at the moment, he said, to compete with the major fund raising organizations in the city. "However, I think there is a role here for it in the future."

Lewis is a past president of Beth Jacob Congregation and chairman of the Hamilton Convention Centre.

His wife Terri has a doctorate in psychology and is currently doing research in infant vision at McMaster University. Son Steven is following in his parents' footsteps by studying psychology at McGill in preparation for law school.

Younger son Jay, 16, meanwhile, is a Camp Ramah member who will be spending six weeks in Israel next summer with, hopes his father, plenty of opportunity to visit the Hebrew University campus.

It is programs such as these, says Lewis, that can inspire youngsters to return later to study at the Hebrew University.

Guests at the reception were mostly professionals in their 30s and 40s from whom Lewis hopes to draw future support.

Harman gave a brief historical review of the university and outlined some of its unique problems and difficulties.

"Our university has had to address itself to the problems of nation building," he said, and while it was in part established to serve "as the intellectual centre of the Jewish renaissance, it also had to address itself to the problems of industry, agriculture and science and has sought to cope in all areas."

The university has overcome the problems of immigrants from virtually every country in the world as well as from different levels of development by providing classes in all major languages, he said.

One "definite problem," Harman said, "is that of freshmen entering university at the age of 21 after three years in the army or, in the case of women, at 20, after two years in the army, starting more or less when North Americans finish their first degrees and with a tremendously different life experience."

Those starting this year, in particular, have seen war and destruction and death during the past year in Lebanon and the result has been the psychological price they had to pay and the need for expanded psychological counseling, Harman said.

Israel's economic situation is forcing the university into retrenchment, he said, and the dilemma in the current academic year is whether to cut costs by cutting staff, mostly junior faculty, or cutting operations.

Farshteit ir Yiddish....

TORONTO —

A new English/Yiddish, Yiddish/English dictionary has been published by David Mendl Harduf, a retired Hebrew teacher and scholar living in Toronto.

It is the first Yiddish dictionary produced and published in Canada by a Canadian Jewish scholar, and the first and only, in the over 100-year history of Yiddish lexicography, in soft cover, pocket-book size edition. [Retail price is $5].

Haruf's dictionary consists of 368 clearly set pages, which contain a comprehensive Yiddish/English vocabulary, based on the lexicographic works of Alexander Harkavy, Uriel Weinreich, Mordechai Tzanin (Full Hebrew Yiddish Dictionary, Tel Aviv, 1960) and others.

Samuel Simchovitch, librarian and museum curator of Beth Tzedec Congregation, says:

"In addition to the basic East European Yiddish idiom, Harduf makes use of many neologisms from different areas of modern life, such as: computer, cosmonaut, intern, jogging and others. Harduf also enriched the Yiddish vocabulary with a number of distinctively Canadian words and expressions: Cabbagetown, fly-in camp, shantyman, shopping plaza and many more."

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Hurwich named president of new Latner library

By
ESTHER MEHR

TORONTO —

Nathan O. Hurwich has been elected president of the Albert J. Latner Jewish Public Library, succeeding Meyer Feldman who moves to the newly-created post of chairman of the board.

Hurwich, whose Jewish communal involvement spans almost half a century, headed the library's fund raising campaign to refurbish and purchase new acquisitions for its enlarged premises in the Lipa Green Building for Jewish Community services.

The library officially opened to the public on Nov. 21, with a volume capacity almost twice the 30,000 that were housed at the old Glen Park location.

"We did quite well in our campaign," said Hurwich, "and efforts will continue in order to create a cash flow to secure stability for the library."

For Hurwich the new appointment is the culmination of a 20-year association with the JPL, going back to the time when the late Rabbi Israel Frankel was the director. He will work in conjunction with the present director, Rabbi Zigmund Wolkenstein.

"We have accepted the role of People of the Book," Hurwich went on, "and we must give everyone an opportunity to get involved via this avenue to Jewish survival."

He recalled a trip to Poland in 1967 where he saw thousands of Jewish books torn and scattered throughout a synagogue in Cracow and other cities which formerly had large Jewish communities.

"We're so fortunate to live in a democracy which allows us to build up collections that perpetuate our history and heritage," he commented.

Nathan O. Hurwich

Nat Hurwich's love of books and learning stem from a family background in which scholarship was revered.

"My grandfather, Matisyahu Solway, was an ardent scholar of the Torah and Jewish study," he explained. "He was also Toronto's first shoichet. At the age of 70 he decided to live out his remaining years in the Jewish Holy Land (then Palestine) and is buried on the Mount of Olives."

His late brother, Dr. Samuel B. Hurwich, left a considerable mark on Toronto's Jewish communal life before moving to Jerusalem 20 years ago.

Over the years Nat Hurwich has acquired more citations and honors than space allows to enumerate here, but the two which give him the greatest source of pride are the honorary doctorate he received from Bar-Ilan University and the education centre named for him and his wife Roey four years ago by Associated Hebrew Schools on Finch.

Becoming president of the Albert J. Latner Jewish Public Library is yet another new and exciting challenge in a lifetime devoted to the Jewish community, he says.

In addition to Hurwich and Feldman, other newly-elected members of the library's executive are: first vice-president, Albert J. Latner; vice-presidents, Seymour Haber and Sid Butovsky; vice-president and education chairman, Evelyn Wolfe; financial chairman, Allan Shiff; treasurer, Cyril Houser; secretary, Jerry M. Nesker and program chairman Nathan Garnick.

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Organizations and People

Attending the Baker Centre ceremonies are, from left, MP Roland de Corneille, Grace Baker, York mayor Chris Tonks and North York mayor Mel Lastman.

Baker Centre will provide health care for the elderly

TORONTO — A special ceremony to lay the cornerstone of the Harold and Grace Baker Centre, as part of Northwestern Health Centre, was held recently, with North York mayor Mel Lastman and MP Roland de Corneille officiating.

The centre will have a 120-bed nursing home and 120-bed retirement residence; a day care program for seniors; a limited number of holiday respite beds and children's day nursery.

The Baker Centre is the first non-profit nursing/retirement residence to be associated with an active treatment general hospital in Metro Toronto.

A retirement residence information pavilion is manned by volunteers and includes a furnished model retirement residence room, a model of the Baker Centre and a lounge area with floor plans and photographs depicting some of the amenities.

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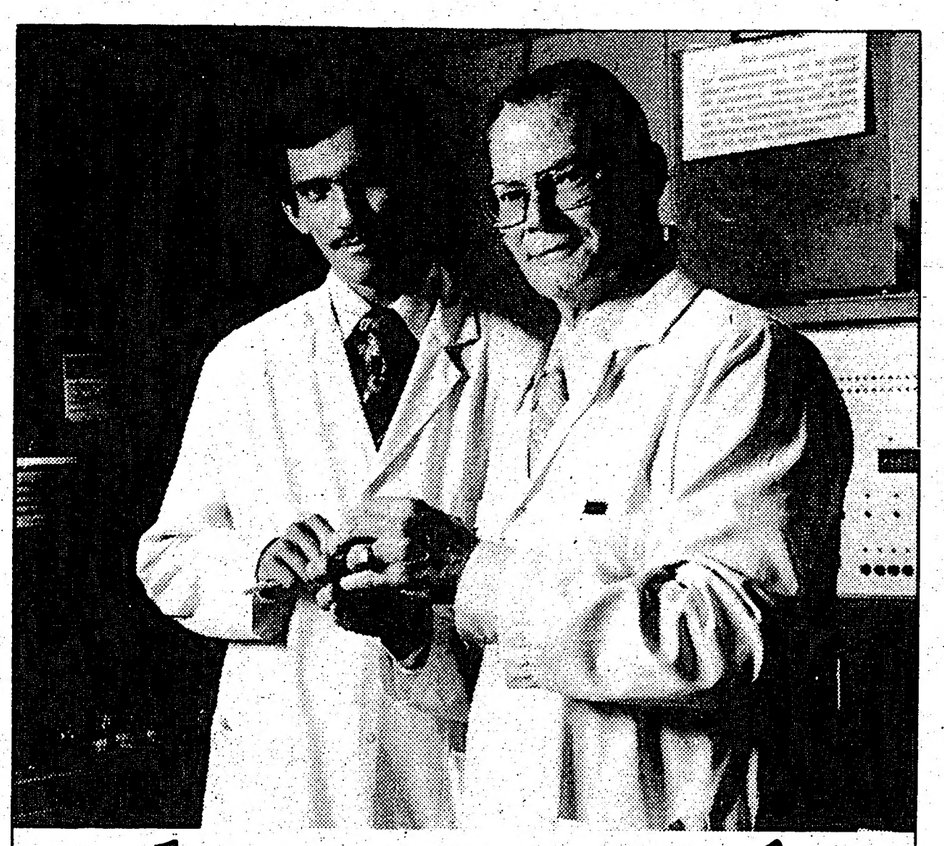

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Ethnic ties not as strong in U.S.

Rabbi admits main objective is greater aliya

By
TAMMY KAROL

TORONTO —
The Reform movement faces the threat of being increasingly religionized or "Protestantized," claims Rabbi Richard Hirsch, the executive director of the World Union for Progressive Judaism.

"In Canada there's more retention of ethnic identity, but in the U.S. ethnic ties are not so strong and there's a greater danger of Jews identifying themselves as members of a religion, rather than members of a people," Hirsch said.

The 57-year-old native of Cleveland is coordinator of the world Reform movement, which operates in 25 countries worldwide and is based in Jerusalem. He was in Toronto recently to instal Rabbi Dow Marmur as senior spiritual leader of Holy Blossom Temple.

"We must keep Jewishness alive in more ways than just synagogue attendance . . . we have a long culture and history," he said.

Hirsch, who made aliya 10 years ago, believes Hebrew should be made a compulsory second language for every Jew. He also thinks children should be sent to Jewish summer camps and day schools to learn about Judaism and Israel, and eventually come to visit Israel.

Hirsch expressed concern that most American Jews have developed toward Israel a "far yenem" attitude (Yiddish for "others").

According to him, this attitude is rooted in a perception that Israel was created to help other Jews . . . Jews from less privileged lands, the victims of the Holocaust or those who in the future may become refugees.

"I contend that a true Zionist can't have a 'Yenemite' attitude," Hirsch told The Canadian Jewish News in a recent interview.

"Instead he must have a far zich [for me] philosophy and must be able to say [1] The existence and wellbeing of Israel are indispensable to my existence and wellbeing as a Jew; [2] I am obligated to give my children an intensive Jewish education which includes knowledge of modern Hebrew; [3] I will seek extended educational and work experiences in Israel for myself and my family and [4] I would be pleased if one of my children or grandchildren decided to live in Israel."

Hirsch admits his main objective is greater aliya, because as he points out "you can't have a Jewish state with 20% of its people in the centre and 80% in the periphery."

The WUPJ leader is a strong advocate of pluralism in Israel and expressed concern that the Reform movement is still not legally recognized by the Orthodox in that country.

Said Hirsch: "We're talking about a state which was created for the collective interests of the Jewish people . . . a democratic, pluralistic society which is supposed to inspire the lives and loyalty of world Jewry. If Israel is only for Orthodox and secular Jews, then vast numbers of Jews will be read out of the Zionist cause.

"Without rabbis to perform religious acts, to what avail is the demand for rabbinical rights? Without institutions to be the recipients of government subsidies given to all other religious groups, to what avail is the insistence on government support? Judged by what we would like to be, we have fallen short of our objective. Judged by what we were, we have come a long way."

Rabbi Hirsch said that 10 years ago the international headquarters of the WUPJ was moved from New York to Jerusalem so that it would "have its centre in the spiritual and cultural heart of the Jewish people."

He pointed out that the first Reform congregation, Jerusalem's Har-El Synagogue, was built 25 years ago and now the movement includes 15 congregations throughout Israel.

The Reform movement also ordains Israeli rabbis at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Jerusalem. Moreover, this summer it dedicated its second kibbutz, Kibbutz Lotani, in the Arava area of Israel, and held the groundbreaking for its new $25 million World Education Centre for Progressive Judaism in Jerusalem.

Hirsch maintains that the revision of the Law of Return, as has been proposed, would have serious consequences for Israel - Diaspora relations as "it would create a mood not conducive to even thinking about Israel."

The Law of Return automatically grants Israeli citizenship to any Jew who desires it. Proposed amendments would invalidate conversions performed by non-Orthodox rabbis.

"By keeping a scoreboard of the pedigree of every Jew we're not reflecting the ideals of a democratic society, but that of a closed society. The Reform approach is inclusiveness . . . this is the centre of Jewish life and it's our responsibility to build up Jewish life," Hirsch asserted.

He spoke out strongly in support of the right of Diaspora Jews to have a say on domestic and foreign policies of the State of Israel and noted, by example, that "we not only have a right but an obligation" both as individuals and as a movement to participate in debate in Israel over Judea and Samaria.

According to Hirsch, the real issue for Diaspora Jews is not the right of dissent but responsible participation in the political process and "responsible participation in that process is dependent on circumstances."

Said Hirsch: "We have before us two conflicting concepts of holiness. There are some religious Jews, who, professing love of the Holy Land and obedience to God, fan the flames of religious fanaticism, violate the civil liberties of minority groups . . . and prevent the evolution of conditions leading towards peaceful compromise. We call their version of Judaism perversion.

"As religious Jews we declare that the concept of Am Hakodesh takes precedence over Eretz Hakodesh. The holy people has priority over the Holy Land. We repudiate those forces which by silence or inaction, condone religious and political intolerance, verbal and physical acts of violence and anti-Gentile as well as anti-Jewish acts of racism.

"The alliance between political radicalism and religious extremism is unholy and un-Jewish. Unless these foreboding trends are reversed the Diaspora will be alienated . . ."

Rabbi Richard G. Hirsch

Hirsch heralded the Jewish Theological Seminary's recent decision to allow women to study for the rabbinate. He said it proves there's no fundamental difference between Conservative and Reform and that they should be regarded as one movement, with the Orthodox as the second movement.

The rabbi acknowledged that the Reform first rejected the idea of peoplehood (Israel) and other aspects of Jewish ritual, but added that these concepts are now an integral part of the movement.

Rabbi Hirsch is married to Bella Rosencwieg of Tel Aviv and has three sons and one daughter.

Prior to making aliya he served as a rabbi in Chicago and Denver and as director of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations' Religious Action Centre in Washington.

OPP gears up to nab drunks

TORONTO —
As in the past, Ontario Provincial Police are planning "an all-out attack" on drinking drivers over the holidays.

"OPP officers will be using roadside breath screening devices to test drivers they believe have been drinking," says OPP commissioner Archie Ferguson.

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Chilling portrait keeps the book open on Rauca

Journalist favors war crime prosecutions

By
TAMMY KAROL

TORONTO —
On June 17, 1982, 73-year-old Toronto resident Helmut Rauca was arrested at his home by the RCMP. He was charged with aiding and abetting in the murder of more than 11,500 Lithuanian Jews . . . but his trial never came to pass.

According to Canadian news sources Rauca died of natural causes on Oct. 29 in a prison hospital at Frankfurt.

Despite Rauca's death, Toronto journalist Sol Littman has not closed the book on Rauca.

In War Criminal on Trial, he provides a chilling portrait of the SS master sergeant in the special police unit called Einsatzgruppen — elite action groups which worked full time behind front lines killing Jews.

The $17.95 hardcover volume was published recently by Lester & Orpen Dennys Ltd., and is being sold at selected book stores across Canada. It is the first book for Littman, a former member of the Toronto Star editorial board. He has also been community affairs specialist for CBC Newshour and covered the Rauca extradition case for CBLT.

War Criminal on Trial deals primarily with events in Kaunas from June 22, 1941 when the Germans launched a surprise attack on the Soviet Union and occupied Lithuania, to July 1944 when the German forces fled before the approaching Red Army.

In addition, the book focuses on Rauca's flight from Kaunas, his period of custody in an American refugee camp, his emigration and life in Canada and his eventual discovery and arrest.

Highlighted is Rauca's extradition hearing in Toronto, the courtroom battle over the constitution, the abandonment of his appeal before the Supreme Court, and the departure to West Germany.

As well, the author describes the involvement of Canadian Jewish Congress, Solicitor-General Robert Kaplan and other individuals in the case.

Moral questions are also raised in the book such as: Are we seeking primitive revenge in pursuing aging ex-Nazis?

Helmut Rauca

Littman's voyage of inquiry took him from a quiet Toronto suburb to Ludwigsburg in West Germany, East Berlin, Moscow and Vilniums and Kaunas in Lithuania.

He interviewed dozens of people who knew Rauca; his friends in Canada who regarded him as a benign neighbor and businessman; members of the RCMP whose task it was to hunt him down and, most significantly, survivors of the Kaunas ghetto.

Rauca was born in Trieb in the province of Saxony, Germany. At age 20 he joined the police force and two years before Hitler came to power was a member of the Nazi party.

In his capacity as Jewish affairs specialist for Kaunas, Rauca was responsible for the round-up of 534 Jewish intellectuals (Operation Intellectuals), Kinder Action (the murder of Jewish children), and many other killings.

Littman doesn't know if prosecution in Canada is the best means to deal with Nazi war criminals living in this country. But he contends that if a particular government asks for extradition, Canada should comply because it would be easier to gather witnesses and evidence for a war crimes trial in the individual's homeland.

The Jewish community's mistake is that it is looking for the most effective way to deal with war criminals rather than dealing with multiple alternatives, Littman told the Canadian Jewish News in an interview last week.

One of the steps he advocates is that Canada draw up extradition treaties with East European countries so that war criminals from there now residing in Canada can be tried by their governments.

(Since the war, there have been 110 requests for extradition of alleged war criminals from Western democratic European nations, according to Solicitor-General Robert Kaplan. But most of the Nazis now in Canada came from East European bloc countries and only 47 extradition requests have been received from Iron Curtain nations. Canada's excuse for this small number is that it won't return anyone to a Soviet bloc nation as it can't guarantee the individual a fair trial, nor does it have an extradition treaty with the country.)

Littman maintains another way of dealing with war criminals in Canada is by amending the War Crimes Act and the Geneva Convention Act so that they are applicable for trials in civil courts as well as in military courts.

He also suggests that we create a justice department squad such as the 5-year-old Nazi-hunting Office of Special Investigations in the U.S.

In addition, Littman would like the Jewish community to explore the legal briefs of Canadian Jewish Congress and its proposal for denaturalization and deportation of Nazi war criminals living in this country.

Like Edward Greenspan, a prominent Toronto lawyer, Littman points out that the RCMP has been ineffective in dealing with war criminals and questions the sincerity of the federal government in the Rauca case. But he does not agree with Greenspan's suggestion that a self-appointed court be created by private citizens to monitor and try war criminals in Canada.

"A high level group of Jewish and non-Jewish citizens could be appointed but they should not have the task of declaring the guilt or innocence of these individuals . . . that's up to the courts. A kangaroo court such as Greenspan is advocating would be constantly defending itself against libel suits," Littman said.

What mystifies Littman most about Helmut Rauca is his death. The SS man died on Oct. 28-29, just days before his 75th birthday and just weeks before he was to go to trial in Frankfurt. Moreover, news of the death was "uncharacteristically" withheld from the press for several days until Nov. 1, and when pressed for more details by Canadian news sources, German officials explained that the "natural cause" first cited was actually intestinal cancer — a disease which takes at least several months to become fatal, according to Littman.

Equally disturbing to the author is that Frankfurt state prosecutor Peter Botte, who supervised Rauca's case, had no suspicion that his client was ill and Rauca's West German attorney Fritz Steinacker also claimed he didn't know Rauca suffered more than the usual infirmities of old age.

Littman points out as well that Rauca's chief defence counsel in Toronto, William Parker, said he knew Rauca suffered from angina, a heart condition that can suddenly become fatal, and a deteriorating skin cancer but didn't know the cancer was so serious.

Littman claims it is possible that the loyal SS man, preferred suicide to a lengthy trial in which information inimical to his comrades might be revealed. And it is even conceivable, he adds, that he was killed by Nazis living in Germany to prevent the trial.

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$45,000 project nearly triples size of JCC club

MHC expansion hopes to attract new members

By
GARY COHEN

TORONTO —
The recent completion of a $45,000 expansion project has close to tripled the size of the Jewish Community Centre's northern branch men's health club.

At a casual official opening brunch held recently at the refurbished club, JCC northern branch chairman Bernard Kamin told The CJN that the expanded facility is "probably the most modern in the city today."

Kamin said the decision to increase the health club's size and facilities was a result of "programming demands." While the northern club's membership of 1,700 has remained almost constant over the past five years, he said, usage of health club amenities had increased enough to warrant the expansion move.

Going one better in his praise than Kamin, Ernie Levy, chairman of the men's health club committee, called the new MHC "one of the best facilities in the world" and said that the increase in member usage was partly the result of the greater emphasis society in general is putting on fitness and athletics.

Additions to the MHC include more area for free weights and universal weight equipment, a new era for mini-fitness classes and yoga, expanded space to accommodate 10 new exercise bicycles, mats for stretching and individual workouts, a slumber room, massage room for therapeutic massage services, a barbershop and esthetician services (manicures and pedicures).

These spaces have not only been enlarged or created, but also newly equipped in many cases as part of the project.

To expand the club, Kamin said, much of the space was reconverted from storage areas in the JCC basement that had gone relatively unused for years. Only a small portion of the MHC addition is actually freshly created space.

The improvements have been added to the original amenities offered by the MHC — whirlpool, sun room, dry sauna, wet steam, permanent locketettes, day lockers, pool table, shuffleboard, VCR unit and video cassette library and a 40-inch color television screen.

Levy and Kamin both added that the new facility was not built just to accommodate a growth in current use or membership. They indicated that the JCC is hoping the new health club enhancements will attract fresh members to the centre.

Levy said the club's membership committee is already working on plans for a large new members drive that is scheduled to get under way sometime in the early part of 1984. "We feel that we have a lot to offer," Levy added.

Although the MHC chairman admitted that the $500 health club membership fee does not, on the surface, compare favorably with the cost of joining a private club, he noted that the JCC price is all inclusive. At private clubs, he said, things like squash and racquetball court time is added on to the initial membership fee. From this perspective, Levy said, joining the JCC is to a member's advantage "if he uses the facilities on a regular basis three or four times a week."

Apart from the modern, and now enlarged facilities at the MHC, Levy said, the club has "been a way of life" for himself and his two sons. He said the JCC gives them "an opportunity to work out in a family-oriented, Jewish atmosphere." This cultural component, he stated, is not available at private facilities.

For more information about the improved JCC men's health club, interested parties can contact MHC director Peter Sewell at 636-1880, ext. 245.

Davis boosts ethnic equality

TORONTO —
Ontario Premier William Davis recently addressed the Legislature on the 10th anniversary of the Ontario Advisory Council on Multiculturalism and Citizenship, saying, "As a province, we have fully accepted the responsibilities that come with being the chosen destination of the majority of newcomers to Canada since the end of World War II."

The premier said the council is "essential to government implementation of the principle of full and equal citizenship for all Ontario's people.

"Ontario's multicultural policy, which has been clearly enunciated and is continuing to be implemented across the government, focuses on three themes — equality, access and participation, cultural retention and sharing."

These, he said, are the issues that have been reflected in the council's deliberations since its establishment in 1973.

"As we set out together on the next stage of Ontario's development, the government and the people of this province share the firm commitment to further advance the goal of equality of treatment for all, with respect for the languages, values, faiths and cultures which are part of our diverse heritage — the many ways of being Canadian, Davis said.

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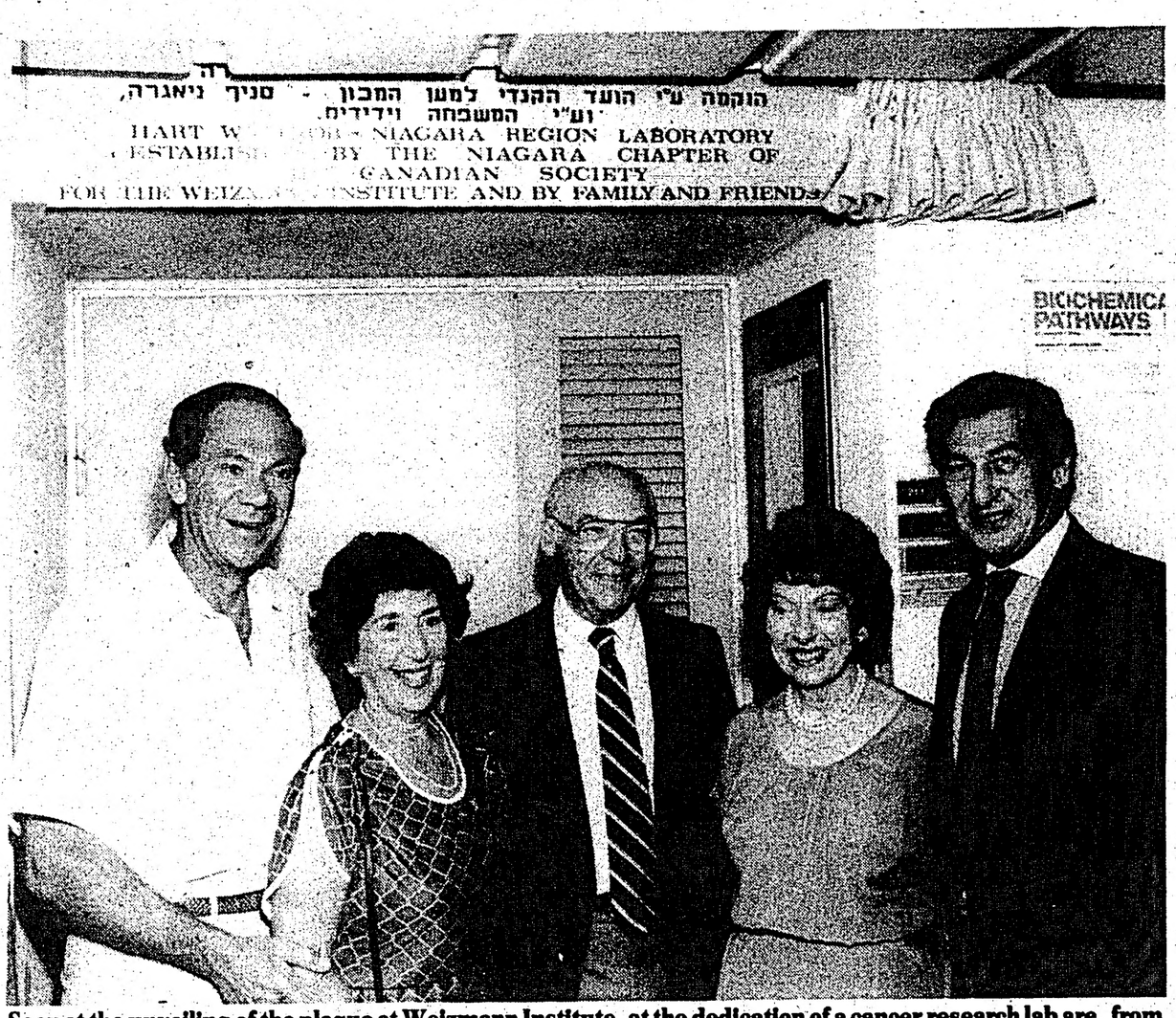
Canadians help dedicate cancer research facility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Seen at the unveiling of the plaque at Weizmann Institute, at the dedication of a cancer research lab are, from left, Murray B. Koffler, chairman of the board of the Canadian Society, Frances and Irving Wintrob, Beatrice Wintrob, co-chairman of the Niagara Peninsula Chapter, and James F. Kay, president of the Canadian Society for the Weizmann Institute of Science.

REHOVOT —

Over 60 Canadians, joined by members of the international board of governors of the Weizmann Institute of Science and Israeli scientists, gathered here recently to dedicate the Hart Wintrob-Niagara Peninsula Laboratory in Cancer Research.

Located in the heart of the Weizmann campus, this laboratory was used for 30 years by cancer researcher Prof. Isaac Berenblum who first formulated the 2-stage theory of cancer causation.

Dedication of the facility was made possible by the Wintrob family and members of the Niagara Peninsula Chapter of the Institute's Canadian Society, which Hart Wintrob served as co-chairman until his passing.

Canada's ambassador to Israel, Vernon Turner, joined Weizmann scientists and the visiting delegation at a luncheon following the dedication.

Panel discusses rights issue

By
JERRY LERMAN

TORONTO —

A public discussion on group relations in this city, titled Toronto — How Good? Harmony or Discord in our Multicultural Society? was held recently at Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Synagogue.

A panel of five discussed affirmative action, job bias, law and order, immigration procedures and the quota system.

Ben Kayfetz, director of the Joint Community Relations Committee of Canadian Jewish Congress, talked about "old Toronto" in the 1930s when "Judenrein" laws kept Jews from medical internship and teaching positions.

"At that time, human and civil rights took a back seat and the prevalent thinking was sink or swim," he said.

By the late 40s, however, the idea of a Fair Employment Practices Act had made headway and Jews lobbied until a law was passed against job bias in 1951.

As to Toronto's ghetto-like concentrations, Kayfetz said that it gave a certain individuality to each group.

Speaking on Jewish-Black relations, Kayfetz said, "I'm convinced this coalition, while it was effective on an ad hoc basis in the 40s and 50s, still has its best years ahead."

Dr. Wilson Head, representing the National Black Coalition of Canada said the problem "is living harmoniously in a competitive economic - social environment."

He said Blacks, who now total 2% of the population here," need allies — civil rights workers, churchmen, labor people — to help each other. There has been a rise in consciousness and more educated and militant immigrants now demand their rights."

Education specialist Ann Samson said that prejudice "in children is sown at an early age. There have been big changes since I came to Canada in 1966, but more needs to be done in our own Jewish community."

Rosanna Scotti, coordinator of multicultural relations in Metro Toronto, feels a divisiveness exists in Toronto, and stressed a need for coalition and concern for one another.

"It's very frustrating that institutions change only when crisis points are reached," she said.

Sam Filer, moderator for the evening, said Jews in Toronto cannot afford to be complacent.

"Our concern must be with issues affecting all members of our society — including opportunities of employment and common bonds and issues we share with other minority groups to make ours a satisfying and cohesive multicultural community."

Cookie correction

Those cookies by Brian's Cookies (CJN Dec. 1) aren't really as expensive as you may think.

Our story reported that Brian's chocolate chunk cookies sell at $9.75 per pound. Actually, the price is **only $7.95 per pound.** It's pleasant to report a lower price in this inflationary age!

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Silverberg wants Canada to emulate tougher French laws

CJC launches campaign condemning racist group

By
FRANK RASKY

VANCOUVER —

A racist organization that calls Jews "ritual murderers," "parasites" and "a cancer on civilization" has recently established British Commonwealth headquarters at Langley, BC under the name of the Aryan Nations.

Mark Silverberg, executive director of the Canadian Jewish Congress, Pacific Region told The CJN last week that he has launched a campaign condemning the organization for distributing "incitement to hatred" literature, which is a form of racial slander.

He also set up a parliamentary affairs committee, consisting of 50 Jewish and non-Jewish civil libertarians, who lobby MPs in 23 federal ridings in British Columbia about the need to put more teeth in anti-hate literature laws.

"Until legislative changes are made, we keep them informed about racist organizations," says Silverberg.

All members of the CJC parliamentary affairs committee have been advised of the names and pseudonyms of the known leaders of Aryan Nations in British Columbia.

He has also instructed them to monitor local activities of the Church of Jesus Christ Christian, the so-called church under which the Aryan Nations functions as the professed "true children of Israel."

Silverberg said the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith has branded the U.S. branch of the Aryan Nations as "potentially the most violent racist organization in North America."

He cites from the literature of Richard Butler, of Heydon Lake, Idaho, head of the U.S. Aryan Nations, who maintains it is necessary to wage a relentless war until it becomes a civil offence to let Jews live.

"It's a shameful fact that hate organizations of this kind gain support because they function under the umbrella of a church," says Silverberg.

The 35-year-old, Winnipeg-born lawyer is proud of the 22 projects he has initiated since he moved to Greater Vancouver last year to help revitalize its Jewish community [about 21,000 people and seven synagogues].

One of them is an extensive program of Holocaust documentation undertaken by his CJC assistant, Jean Gerber, as well as two local doctors, Rob Krell and Ernest Forrai.

They have videotaped the accounts of more than 30 eyewitnesses to the Holocaust.

"The new anti-semitism takes the form of denying the existence of the Holocaust," says Silverberg. "Europeans are more aware than we are of the danger of sanctioning that sort of mind-poisoning and have made it illegal."

He cites the case of one anti-semite in Lyon, France, who declared publicly that the Holocaust was a myth.

"The man was fined for communicating racial slander and faces three more lawsuits on those grounds," he says.

"I am campaigning to persuade Canadian lawmakers to follow the French example."

Among three honored

CCCJ relations award for Goodman

By
CAROLYN BLACKMAN

TORONTO —

Lawyer Edwin Goodman, on receiving a human relations award from the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews last week, said, "We live in a society that presents the opportunity for self-fulfilment. To fail to serve this community would be a terrible thing."

Goodman, along with Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario John Aird and Sister Janet Murray of the Sisters of St. Joseph, all received awards for their part in promoting harmonious relations between Jews and Christians in Canada.

The banquet, attended by more than 1,000 wellwishers was held at the Royal York Hotel.

Dr. Victor Goldbloom, president of the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews, said that the three are being honored "for their tremendous regard for their fellow man and their regard for human dignity."

Amongst his many community endeavors, Goodman has been chairman of Special Gifts for the United Jewish Appeal, co-chairman of the building fund for Baycrest Geriatric Hospital, and is an officer of the Order of Canada.

Dr. Francis Leddy of the University of Windsor, said that "this award to Goodman comes from people who know him so well and still want to honor him."

He said that with Goodman's perserverance, energy and drive, he has proven "that one man can certainly make a difference."

In accepting his award, Lieutenant-Governor Aird said that self-sufficiency means little unless it is tempered by a sense of community "If I am only for myself, what am I?" he said.

Aird said the awards are not for services rendered, but rather, "they are an understanding that there are still commitments to be made."

Senator David Croll said in his presentation to Sister Janet Murray, that "few of us have greatness to bend history, but each of us can change a portion. This woman is doing her best to change a portion."

Israeli housing shortage affecting immigration

JERUSALEM [JTA] —

Israel's continuing housing shortage is holding up potential aliya from various parts of the world and causing hardship for thousands of immigrants already in Israel, according to associations of immigrants from Western and Oriental countries.

Spokesmen for both groups said that some 25,000 immigrants have been stuck in absorption centres for the past three or four years, unable to move into flats of their own despite repeated promises by the ministry of construction and housing.

They said that some 3,000 potential olim from Latin America have been forced to postpone their departure for Israel because of the lack of proper housing.

The immigration of "thousands of Jews" from Soviet Georgia is being held up for the same reason, the spokesmen said.

The Knesset's committee on immigration and absorption is scheduled to discuss the housing problem and the situation at absorption centres this month. Representatives of the immigrants' associations warned that demonstrations will occur if there is no constructive solution by them.

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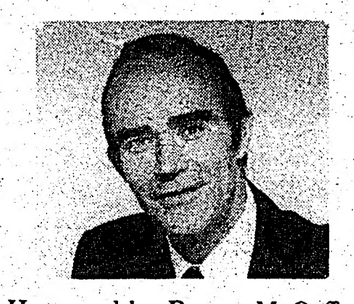

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World in Hebrew

By JOSEPH KLINGER

עובדתון: מכון קרן התרבות תצוגת אלקטרוניקה צבאית:

בתצוגה שנערכה לאחרונה ב-וושינגטון חשפו ענקי ה-אלקטרוניקה של העולם ציוד מתוחכם ומתקדם בתחומי הקשר, מערכות שליטה ובקרה, מערכות לוחמה אלקטרונית, הגנה אווירית, מטוסים ללא טייסים, ציוד האזנה והתרעה, וחמיקה מהפרעות אויב. המציגה הגדולה ב-יותר היתה חברת "תדיראן" הישראלית אשר הציגה, בין השאר, מכשיר בשם "שמיר". מכשיר זה מעביר מסר תוך שהוא מדלג כל חלקיק שניה מתדר לתדר. אויב המאזין לתקשורת זו פשוט אינו יכול למקד את מאמציו ב-תדר כלשהו משום שהוא מתחלף במהירות הברק ל-תדרים רבים אחרים. רבים עובדים על פיתוח מכשיר כזה, אך צבאות ארה"ב ומערב אירופה פיגרו אחרי "תדיראן".

הלם קרב:

במלחמת שלום-הגליל היתה השפעת הלם הקרב חלשה יותר בחזית אצל החיילים אך חזקה יותר בעורף, אצל האזרחים. כך קובע פרופ' נוח מילגרם מהמחלקה לפסיכולוגיה של אוני-ברסיטת תל-אביב. הלם קרב היא תגובה נפשית קיצונית למצבים קיצוניים. היא נובעת מן הסיבות הבאות: תשישות, עייפות פיסית ונפשית המצטברת ככל ש-המלחמה מתמשכת, הפחד הנובע מן החשיפה לחוויות בלתי-מוכרות, מצב החרדה לחיים והפחד והפגישה עם המוות, הפציעה והפגיעה בקרב. הלם קרב מתבטא, בין השאר, ביציאה מכלל פעולה, באדישות, ברמת חרדה ודכאון גבוהה ו-ברוגז. בעבר מנסיון של צבאות אחרים וצה"ל, היה מקובל להרחיק לזמן רב ולמרחק גדול את החייל הנפגע מהלם קרב משדה הקרב. התייחסו אליו כאל חולה ו-פגוע חסר היכולת לתפקד. דברים אלה גרמו לכך שחיילים רבים יחסית לא חזרו עוד ל-שדה הקרב. לעומת זאת, ב-מלחמת של"ג היו חחנות הפינוי קרובות מאוד לשדה הקרב, והטיפול כלל מנוחה קצרה של יום או יומיים והתייחסות אל הנפגע כאל חייל שעברה עליו יגעת קרב, וכשינוח מצפים ממנו שיחזור אל יחידתו. לדעת פרופ' מי-לגרם משפיע לרעה הפיצול בקונצנזוס הלאומי על מ-לחמת של"ג - הן על החייל בלבנון והן על האזרח בעורף ואולם בעוד שצה"ל למד להתמודד עם הלם קרב, הרי העורף אינו מקבל כלל וכלל את הטיפול להלם קרב ממנו הוא סובל.

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Radio biography on Orwell

TORONTO —

George Orwell, the mystery man who wrote the prophetic novel, 1984, and coined the idea of an omnipotent Big Brother watching helpless victims in a tyrannical state, will finally step out of the shadows of the legendary.

He will be revealed in a 5-hour exploration of his psyche titled George Orwell: A Radio Biography, which will begin on Sunday, Jan. 1 from noon until 5 p.m. on CBC Stereo.

That same night the program begins on CBC Radio's Ideas as a Sunday series, Jan. 1 to 29 at 9.05 p.m.

It will also be heard Monday to Friday Jan. 2-6 on CBC Stereo's Arts National at 8 p.m.

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"Thus," according to a school official, "when attendance is taken at the beginning of the day, any child who is away and is part of this program will have his/her name sent to the office by the teacher.

"The office secretary then checks to see if a phone call came in as to why the child would not be at school. If no call came in to the office, the parent would then be phoned and the appropriate action can be taken.

"There are many children involved at both the Bathurst and the Bayview branches, and the report on the program is that, so far, everything is running smoothly. As the United Synagogue Day School is a pioneer with the program, there is appreciation and relief from the concerned parents," says a school official.

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Page One fulfils dream of Wiesenthal member

By
TAMMY KAROL

LOS ANGELES —
For many years Richard Trank, a staff member of the Simon Wiesenthal Centre in Los Angeles had been toying with the idea of starting a worldwide radio show for the Jewish community.

In November 1980, the young man's dream came true.

Since then, the native of Downey, Calif., has become the producer and chief correspondent for Page One, the Centre's 30-minute weekly magazine on contemporary Jewish news and personalities, which is carried in 24 cities around the world and on Australian Ethnic Radio.

In Canada, Page One runs as a 6-minute feature in the last segment of the Sam Yuchtman Jewish Program, heard Sunday mornings at 10.45 on Toronto's CHIN (1540 AM) radio. The Sam Yuchtman program runs from 9 to 11 a.m. every Sunday.

From Monday to Friday the Jewish program is broadcast from 10 to 11 a.m. on CHIN 100.7 FM and the Page One segment is featured Thursdays at 10.30 for 10 minutes.

Zelda Young of Toronto produces the Jewish program and selects the Page One segments.

There are correspondents for the show in New York, Chicago, Miami, Los Angeles, Ottawa, Europe and Israel. Marvin Segelman, currently the Wiesenthal Centre's media projects consultant, is chief correspondend for Page One in Washington.

Interviewing for the program is done mainly by Trank at the Centre, while editing is done in a Los Angeles studio. An in-house audio studio is being set up at the Centre for editing and production work.

Page One, produced by TVM Productions, is also available as a special cassette magazine featuring 90 minutes of highlights from each month's weekly broadcasts. Cassettes are kept at the Wiesenthal Centre in Los Angeles, and are purchased by B'nai B'rith and other Jewish service organizations.

Every Page One program is of the documentary type, according to Trank. "We wanted a TV format, but it's more expensive. Radio reaches more people at a lower cost," he said.

Some of the issues covered have included: Historical Revisionism of the Holocaust, the AWACS debate and its aftermath, the decrease in Jewish emigration from the Soviet Union, and the Jews of France.

In June, Trank interviewed Avner Less, the Israeli police officer who interrogated Adolf Eichmann prior to his trial in Jerusalem.

As well, he recently conducted interviews with former Israeli defence minister Ariel Sharon and the U.S. ambassador to the UN, Jeane Kirkpatrick.

In its premiere edition, Page One featured an interview with the Egyptian ambassador to the U.S. and the topic of discussion was: Egypt without Sadat . . . What is its future?

On the lighter side, Mel Blanc, creator of such voices as Bugs Bunny, Porky Pig, and dozens of other cartoon characters was also featured in an enchanting 2-part series.

Trank maintains that Page One's purpose is to educate people about a variety of social action issues and not only the Holocaust.

"We deal with issues on a broad basis as well as individual stories, so that people can better appreciate the moral dilemmas they have to face."

The Wiesenthal Centre, he points out, has broadcast a 10-part series on Raoul Wallenberg, the Swedish hero credited with saving the lives of thousands of Hungarian Jews during World War II.

Other Page One programs, according to Trank, are geared more to American audiences.

In April 1982, for example, Trank did a 2-hour interview with actress Jane Fonda, on the U.S. energy policy.

Last July, Page One won a commendation at the 1982 Gold PEN Award ceremony held at the LA Musical Centre.

The winning entry was an investigative piece on an alleged Nazi war criminal, Wolfgang Boettecher, who was scheduled for a speaking engagement at an American university in early 1982.

Executive producer for the show was Trank, and consulting producer was Rabbi Abraham Cooper, a former Vancouverite, who is now assistant dean at the Wiesenthal Centre.

PEN, acronym for poets, essayists, and novelists, was founded by George Bernard Shaw for the purpose of promoting free expression. Awards are presented for various categories of writing.

The winning Page One piece was selected from among hundreds of entries submitted for consideration in PEN's first ever radio award.

For more information on Page One contact Richard Trank, producer, at the Simon Wiesenthal Centre, 9760 W. Pico Blvd., Los Angeles, CA. 90035 or call (213) 553-4478.

Jane Fonda speaks on energy policy.

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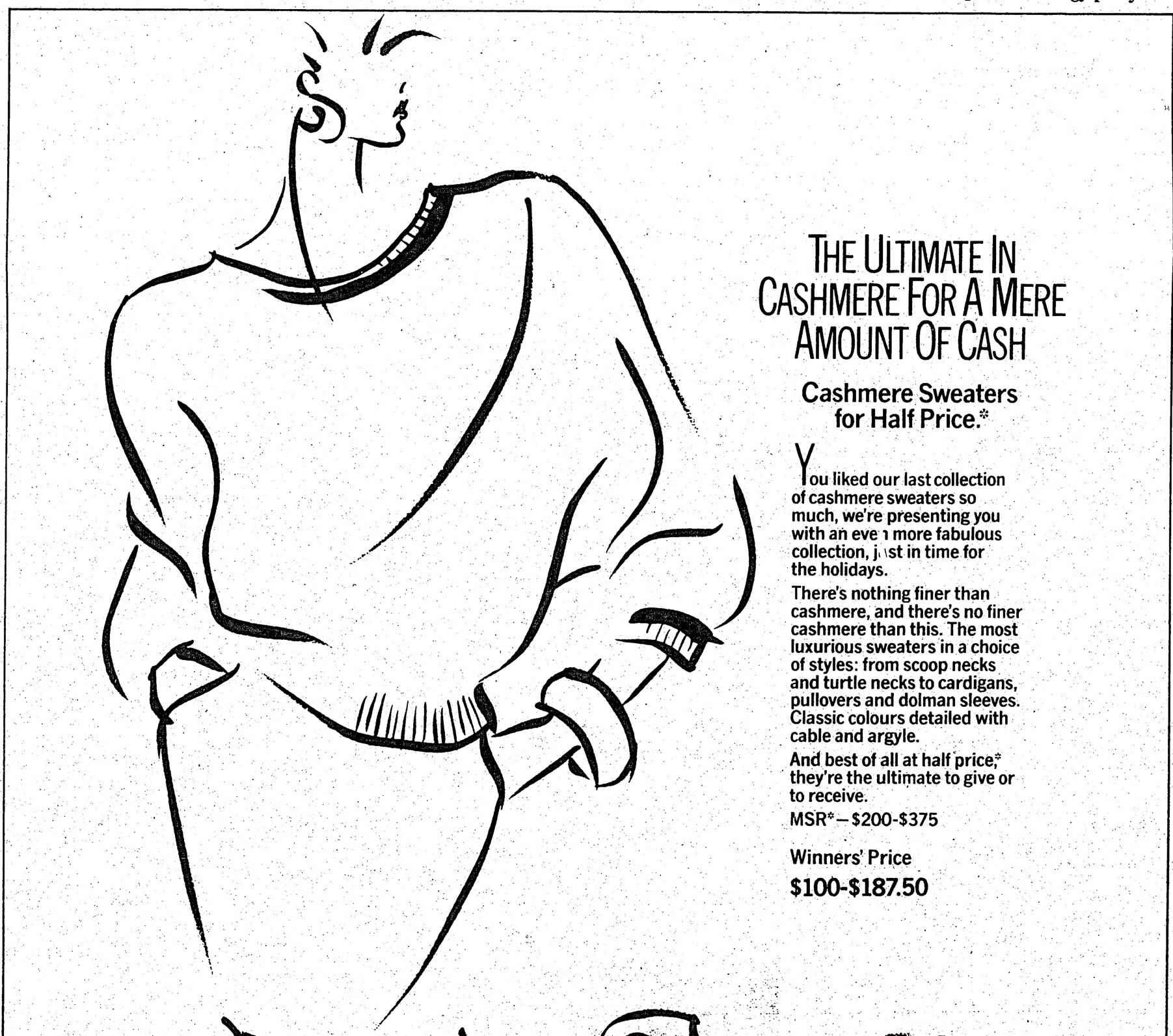
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Arts

Popular vehicle for keeping the faith

Diaspora Yeshiva Band didn't need help from Argos

music

By
RICK KARDONNE

The Diaspora Yeshiva Band in a happy pose.

When, in the middle of the first half of the recent Diaspora Yeshiva Band concert at Lawrence Park Collegiate, someone handed a slip of paper to leader Avraham Rosenblum — which he read — announcing that the Argos had won their first Grey Cup in 31 years, the crowd cheered, and their good mood guaranteed a buoyant feeling which helped the band maintain a joyous spirit through the rest of the evening.

But even, heaven forbid, had the Argos lost, the spirit would not have sagged unduly. Playing to a capacity audience, the Diaspora Yeshiva Band, consisting of North American baal teshuvim (recent returnees to Orthodox Judaism) studying at Jerusalem's Diaspora Yeshiva, presented an inspiring concert of mostly original numbers which, if sometimes hampered by terms of clarity by their loud showoff drummer, displayed an impressively mature musical fusion of hard rock and various Judaic traditional styles.

The best numbers came in the second half of the concert. Particularly outstanding were two successive musical treatments of the writings of Rabbi Nachman of Bratzlav, because of their electric incorporations of Oriental-Jewish as well as European-chassidic influences.

The slow initial song in this set contained a hauntingly beautiful minor-key motif. Following this set was a moderately slow minor-key Shabbat Shalom with a subtle reggae undertone, during which leader Avraham Rosenblum told the audience of his personal transformation from assimilation to Orthodoxy.

This is the final North American tour of the Diaspora Yeshiva Band, although, according to Rosenblum, it will reform in various different combinations of personnel.

It is fervently hoped that this re-forming will occur soon, as, judging from the capacity audience, this band is a truly unique and immensely popular vehicle for keeping the faith among the grassroots North American Jewish younger generation.

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While the 15th Israel Chassidic Song Festival, which performed the evening before to a capacity audience at Adath Israel, presented perhaps the most capable team of entertainers since 1976 (when Izhar Cohen, Ophira Gluska and Shlomo Nitzan appeared here), one again only received an inkling of what new songs actually were premiered.

Like in previous years, instead of presenting the songs entered in the Chassidic Song Festival with spotlight emphasis given to the winners (as was the case up until and including 1977), the 1983 edition of the traveling festival instead presented mostly familiar standards that one can hear in many other occasions, with only two or three current entries presented in an abbreviated, almost apologetic manner.

How else is Diaspora Jewry supposed to know what's happening in Israel today if the Israel Chassidic Song Festival — which supposedly is meant to present to the world outside Israel the final results of a competition of new songs set to Biblical texts — does not portray the meaning of its title?

Audiences here know the standards. They want to know what's new. Next year, let the Israel Chassidic Song Festival traveling edition return to the meaning of its title. Also, let's have the free programs at least display the names of the performers, some of whom this year were extremely capable. One shouldn't have to pay extra just to have a proper program.

On the plus side, the program did prominently display last year's second-place Eurovision winner: Avi Toledano's snappy inspiring Chai, which should be familiar to Jewish audiences the world over.

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"The Classical Era of Synagogue Music" was the theme of a Holy Blossom service, featuring Cantor Benjamin Maissner, organist Douglas Bodle and the Holy Blossom Temple Choir.

This service and sermon-in-song which featured the music of such pillars as Salomon Sulzer, Louis Lewandowski, Samuel Naumbourg and David Nowakowsky, was "must" attending for all those interested in the subject of the evolution of Ashkenazic-Jewish liturgical music.

Deserving of special praise was the program written and distributed by Cantor Maissner — an academically-authoritative yet easily comprehensible historical guide to this evolutionary process and these four composers who shaped the directions of the evolution.

Mentioned by Cantor Maissner at a key point in the demonstration was the supreme historical irony which cannot be repeated too often: that Germany, universally regarded by all Jewish musical circles at the time as being the pinnacle of civilized refinement, was the country which dealt Jewry its most savage death blow.

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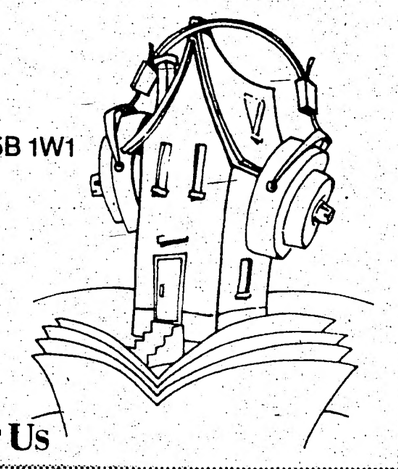

Books display duo's talents

Cartoonists scorn convention to score telling points

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

The Impossible Takes A Little Longer, by Noah Bee, Bloch Publishing, $11.95

Best of Beutel, Lanceman Graphics, $11.99 [hard cover], $5.99 [soft cover]

The brightest political cartoons go right to the heart of the matter, without doubt, fear or equivocation, scorning convention, scoring selling points.

No one disputes the thesis that a newspaper is enlivened by the presence of an apt cartoon on the editorial page. And neither is there much debate that a reader's eye is invariably drawn to a cartoon.

The good cartoonists in North America — masters such as Herblock of The Washington Post, Aislin of The Montreal Gazette and MacPherson of The Toronto Star — have several qualities in common.

They wield a sharp quill, and they abhor cant, hypocrisy, injustice and unfairness. Humor is their stock-in-trade, but they are capable of acidic asides as well.

When they hit their mark, cartoonists demystify or explain an idea or a person far more succinctly than a writer. Their universal popularity is no mere accident.

Noah Bee, whose works are syndicated by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency of New York, cannot be called one of the great practitioners of the art. His stuff is simply too melodramatic and pompous. But Bee has a deft touch at times.

In his second book, The Impossible Takes A Little Longer, Bee surveys the period from 1973 to 1982. Swinging an axe rather than a scalpel, he pours contempt on Israel's enemies — from Yasser Arafat to the leaders in the kremlin — with the subtlety of a propagandist.

A cartoon by Josh Beutel.

Venting his spleen, Bee compares France to a prostitute for having adopted a pro-Arab policy, likens Anwar Sadat to a restaurateur slicing up Israel like souvlaki, and characterizes the U.S.-Saudi relationship to a truck pumping oil into Capitol Hill.

Bee can be powerful, as when he pictures a beleaguered Israel as a Rock of Ages. And he can be cheery in picturing Menachem Begin as a mirthful jack-in-the-box after his 1977 electoral triumph.

Clearly, he has a soft spot for Israel, brooking no criticism of its policies or leaders. This is a legitimate approach but it is one bereft of sting and irony, the hallmarks of a first-rate cartoonist.

Josh Beutel is the editorial cartoonist for the Saint John Telegraph-Journal. His work has been syndicated in the U.S. and Europe and has appeared in The Financial Post and Newsweek.

Although Beutel's cartoons lack the bite or timeliness of an Aislin or a MacPherson, he is one of Canada's better cartoonists.

His instincts are where they should be: with society's losers. Some of his favorite targets are Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau, Allan MacEachen, now minister of external affairs, and Marc Lalonde, minister of finance.

Beutel is fond of poking fun at local and provincial personalities. And while residents of New Brunswick may appreciate his barbs, Canadians outside the province will probably be mystified by his references.

Among his more successful cartoons are those dealing with the plight of the unemployed and Joe Clark's leadership problems. Beutel's draughtsmanship is sure, steady and usually sharp, but a few of his drawings are belabored.

Beutel deals with foreign affairs in several instances, venturing into the maelstrom that is the Middle East. He pillories Hafez Assad, the Syrian president, as an obstructionist manipulator in Lebanon; he views peace in Lebanon as a remote possibility, and he captures beautifully Begin's miscalculation in ordering an invasion of that country.

• Best of Beutel is not sold in stores, but is available from Lanceman Graphics Ltd., Box 880, Rothesay, NS, E0G 2W0. Checks should be made payable to Lanceman Graphics.

Jim and Rosalie offer two albums for kids market

TORONTO —

The children's record market, which of late has been developing quite rapidly, can thank at least three performers for its current success — Rosalie Moscoe, Jim Duschesneau and Bob Schneider.

Moscoe and Duschesneau, who are known to thousands of listeners as Jim and Rosalie, have brought out two albums, Listen to Me and At The Music Factory. Both were nominated for Juno Awards.

Now they've released a third one, Songs In Action [Flutterby Productions], which, if anything, should enhance their growing reputation.

The songs are nearly all appealing, running the gamut of emotions . . . and three are in French. They're bouncy, rhythmic, uplifting and, where necessary, sensitive. all in all, enjoyable.

Bob Schneider, a New Yorker, has become one of Canada's best known touring children's performer. In 1980, his LP, Listen To The Children, won a Juno nomination. He followed it up with When You Dream A Dream, an album which the cognoscenti appreciated in no small measure.

His third record, Having A Good Time [Capitol], confirms the impression that his songs are nothing if not joyfully spontaneous.

It's A Holiday is jaunty, Song Of Love is lyrical, and It's A Nothing Song is humorous.

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Arts

Kuni Leml's madcap adventures return to the screen

By
RICK KARDONNE

TORONTO —
The madcap zany adventures of Kuni Leml, played by the brilliant comic master Mike Burstyn, the true bridge between the Diaspora and Israel, have returned to the screen in a new movie episode, Kuni Leml in Cairo, which, after enjoying a long run in Israel, will hopefully play to U.S. and Canadian audiences in the near future.

Filmed in March 1983 and released July 1 in Israel, Kuni Leml in Cairo, produced by Israel Ringel (of Roll Films Ltd., which is now linked to Montreal's Astral-Bellevue Pathe Productions), directed by Yoel Silberg, with music by Kobi Eshrat (Hallelujah) and lyrics by Amos Ettinger, was the first Israeli film shot in Egypt.

The exteriors were done in Egypt and the interiors in Israel.

Egypt initially promised full cooperation but, due to the political situation, "cooled off" its input to that of polite low key formality.

Mike Burstyn, in Toronto recently to perform at the Hadassah-WIZO convention, stated that "Egypt is still not ready on the official level for full cultural exchange." However, on the grassroots level, the limited Israeli crew was "very beautifully received," in his words, by the Egyptian people.

In this latest chapter of Kuni Leml's wonderfully hilarious antics, Kuni is now the head of Israel's major yeshiva for those recently rediscovering Orthodoxy. Like himself, who has a twin brother Muni, Kuni now has twin sons.

A new Torah scroll is being finished under a bridal canopy by Kuni's old grandfather, who, like Kuni and Muni, is portrayed by Mike Burstyn. This Torah will be presented to Cairo's tiny Jewish community in honor of the peace agreement. In return, Cairo's Jews will be sending back ancient coins to Jerusalem and the yeshiva, from the Second Temple, which are worth over $1 million. Kuni Leml is to be the go-between who will present the Torah and return with the coins.

Kuni's non-religious brother Muni, a pop singer, is forced by the crooked owners of his nightclub to help them steal the coins. Muni will masquerade as his brother.

In shades of Yentl, the crooks send Muni's girl friend to the yeshiva disguised as a yeshiva bocher to notify him when the trip is to be made. Kuni is kidnapped and Muni is sent to Cairo as a bodyguard with the girl friend, Yona, disguised as a boy. That's when the fun begins.

What happens next? See the movie and find out.

Closer to home, Mike Burstyn recently taped a Chanukah special for Chicago's Jewish Welfare Board. Set in a Max's Cafe at which Mike is guest star, the program simulated live broadcasts from Israel.

Mike Burstyn charmed the Hadassah-WIZO audience at the Harbour Castle Hilton with his brisk, affectionately-comic repartee and exuberant songs in Hebrew, Yiddish and English.

The evening before, British-born Israeli actress Aviva Marks deeply moved the same audience with excerpts of her 1-woman show Homecoming, a dramatic presentation of aliya from the 12th to 20th century compiled by Jerusalem Post writer Rochelle Rurstenburg.

Idea promising, music passable in The King of Petticoat Lane

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —
You can't blame Broadway composers for trying to find another Fiddler on the Roof, but Judd Woldin did not succeed with The King of Petticoat Lane which runs until Dec. 17 at the Leah Posluns Theatre.

The idea is promising — set a musical in the Jewish quarter of London (circa 1791) when the Sephardim, who fled the inquisition in Spain, were trying to keep the upstart Ashkenazim, from the ghettos of Europe, in their place. And librettist Woldin had the writings of Israel Zangwill, particularly the King of Schnorrers, to draw on. Zangwill, an ardent Zionist, was the foremost Jewish writer of his time in England.

But The King of Petticoat Lane never lays bare any of the real conflict between the Sephardim and Ashkenazim and it gives no glimpse whatsoever of what it was like to be a Jew in the London of the late 18th century.

The characters, with the possible exception of the King himself, never achieve any real dimensions. The Romeo-Juliet love affair between a Sephardic girl and an Ashkenazi boy is grafted to the plot, but can never be taken seriously.

The days are past when it was enough to have words like chutzpah and schnorrer in the titles of songs to provide credibility with a Jewish audience. These and other words have become so widely used they have lost their novelty.

As my own bubbi would have put it, this productions lacks "tam." It is thin in production values (you can't create a peddler's market with a total cast of 14.) On another point, are there so few Jewish performers in Toronto that among the 10 principals in the cast of a play about Jews in London, there should be only one Jew? This may be one of the reasons it does not have "tam."

Peter Boretski does a workmanlike job with the role of the King. For this reviewer the highlight of the play was the singing of Ours, by the King, early in the first act. The lyrics were charming and some sense of pride in the Spanish heritage of the Sephardim came through.

The music, under the direction of George Bassingthwaighte is passable, even catchy at times, and with a decent script and more relevant lyrics could provide the framework for a good show.

Cohon is highlight of musical program

TORONTO —
Judith Cohon, an authority on Sephardic folk music, lives here in Toronto.

Armed with an exceptionally wide knowledge of both Ladino and French-origin as well as Hebrew Sephardic folksongs, and able to perform on several different instruments, both medieval and contemporary, she was the highlight of the recent Judeo-Spanish week concert at Petah Tikvah Anshe Castilla Congregation.

Playing various string instruments as well as flute and violin, Cohon ably conveyed the stylistic contrasts which make Judeo-Spanish music so rich in content and constantly capable of commanding attention.

While her voice is trained and pleasant, the only relatively minor constructive advice which is worth heeding is that she should try for greater dramatic interpretative expression, especially in the lyrical romances, which tend to be melodically repetitious. This will more easily hold audience attention for those who don't speak Spanish, Ladino or French.

Also included in the program was the multi-textured voice of Petah Tikvah's Cantor Moshe Oziel, whose sometimes smoothly-rich and sometimes appropriately-nasal interpretations of both prayers and romanceros deserve to be widely heard in many other major venues.

This concert was one of the major events of Toronto's 1983-84 Jewish musical season, and one must remember that it was a great success even though still another major Judeo-Spanish musical talent living here, the exquisite classical - Mediterranean soprano voice of Ladino balladeer Claire Abbou, was unable to participate due to a recent family bereavement.

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Christopher Hughes Art Gallery — The Province of Ontario 1984 Group Exhibition to Dec. 19. An inaugural presentation of the visual arts, saluting Ontario's bicentennial, includes works by Helen Lucas, Paul Saucier, Doug Hook, Joyce Wieland, Cecil Youngfox, Alberto De Castro, Dough Elliott, Ted Ziegler, Jim Lumbers, Charles Pachter, William Roberts, Thomas Chatfield, and Lawrence Bracegirdie; literary visual artwork by Margaret Atwood. 14 Hazelton Ave.

Limited Editions — An exhibition of original works on paper by Canadian artist Mikulas Kravjansky through December. Previewing Kravjansky's new etching entitled Metropolis, depicting the Toronto skyline. 136 Yorkville Ave., 961-2090.

Manderville Gallery — First annual exhibition of Art Teacher's Art to Dec. 31. Thirty Toronto secondary school teachers will exhibit their own work in pottery, sculpture, printmaking, painting and computer art. 60 Mobile Dr., Don Mills.

The Market Gallery — A photo exhibit by Nir Bareket to Dec. 23 features some 50 black and white images of bustling street scenes and tranquil views of Toronto's parks and buildings. St Lawrence Market, 95 Front St. Hours: Wednesday to Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, 1-4 p.m. Admission free.

Royal Ontario Museum — A new exhibit entitled From the Collections, features over 150 of the ROM's treasures, including new additions and familiar favorites acquired during the ROM's formative years.

From the Collections includes a selection of objects that have gained wide recognition during the museum's long history: the large and famous 12th-century Chinese Luohan (a glazed earthenware Buddhist figure), a rare embroidered silk Chinese court robe, and two highly-decorated mummy cases, one containing a long-time favorite with youngsters — the mummified figure of An-tjau. Masks and carved ancestral panels from the Pacific, armor, spectacular mineral specimens, Japanese porcelains, Greek weapons and sculptures are among the other familiar items on display.

One section devoted to textiles provides an overview of the technology of weaving with four different looms and a selection of six Ontario-made coverlets.

The exhibit has been planned as an interim display while permanent galleries are under development.

Atelier J. Lukacs — An exhibition of tapestries and prints by Paulette-Marie Sauve to Dec. 20. 186 Davenport Rd. 923-8908.

Tatay Gallery — Vasily Kondratuk's recent paintings to Jan. 14. Gallery will be closed Dec. 22 to Jan. 3. Hours: Monday through Saturday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. 101 Niagara St.

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Arts

Obsession with justice derives from author's roots

By
PATRICIA RUCKER

TORONTO —
There is a city that Mark Helprin dreams of — a city of perfect justice.

In Winter's Tale, his new novel redolent with dreams and visions, that city is New York in the year 2000.

But in Helprin's imagination, the city exists outside time and space, and within the mind of God.

Helprin, who won the National Jewish Book Award for Ellis Island and Other Stories, has found that reviewers of the book are either wildly enthusiastic or that "the hostility to the book is phenomenal." He was in Toronto to promote his book.

The hostility, he believes, is rooted in a lack of understanding of its religious dimension — a dimension rooted in the Jewish concept of the Messiah as a human, not divine, being.

Mark Helprin does not flaunt his beliefs. Relaxed in the late fall sunshine pouring into his hotel room through open balcony doors, he looks like the academic he sometimes is.

A Harvard graduate with a Master's degree in Middle Eastern studies, he studied at Oxford under Hugh Trevor-Roper and is presently a doctoral candidate at Columbia in international relations.

He is also the son of non-practicing Jews whose careers took them through the magic America of theatre and film, and the grandson of devout, religious Jews.

As he talks of his two parallel careers — political analysis and fiction writing — a common thread emerges: an obsession with justice that is rooted in his Jewish consciousness.

It is just, he argues, that Israel should exist, and exist in safety — and he has backed up his words with deeds.

As a graduate student at Harvard's Centre for Middle Eastern Studies, he became aware of an "overwhelming" Arab slant.

"I was defending Israel constantly among my fellow students . . . so I decided to put my views into action. The best thing would be to go and live there."

And so in 1972, along with many other young Americans, he left to join the Israeli army. ("We had Auschwitz on our minds," he wrote later.)

He is wry about his experiences on the Syrian border during the war of attrition. "I peeled a lot of eggs . . . I did a great deal of battle against dirt . . . I conquered a lot of cabbages." The artillery fire, it seemed to him, was "always aimed at other people."

He returned to the U.S. in 1973, before the Yom Kippur War, still very much an American and not an Israeli, but with an unbreakable commitment to Israel.

In November 1982, in the wake of the massacre in Beirut, he wrote an article for The New York Times Magazine which spelled out the nature of that commitment — a commitment to seizing what he calls "the middle ground" and holding it "against the extreme positions into which drift those who are too exhausted to bear the demanding and lively truth."

There are no polemics in the article, only a reasoned search for a position which will "help to strengthen Israel and keep its hands spotlessly clean."

He acknowledges that it is a hard position to maintain, but, he says: "The paramount issue is whether the State of Israel survives; the secondary issue is how."

Helprin grew up in the shadow of a monument to justice of a sort — Sing Sing. Born in Manhattan, in 1952 as a child of five, he moved to Ossining, NY, on the banks of the Hudson River.

Ossining is still, in his mind, home. "It's an extremely beautiful place," he says, "in all respects more beautiful than Rome" (where he spent the last year working on another novel after winning the Prix de Rome of the American Academy and Institute of Arts and Letters).

He loves the river — "everything I have ever done has been aimed at the Hudson" — and longs to go back and work a small farm, when his writing is done.

Did the prison make its presence felt? "It was isolatable," he says, but yes, "you could see the emblem of loss of freedom from your window."

He and his wife, a lawyer, now live in Brooklyn Heights, also a "very beautiful place," and the locale of his work swings between the poles of the upper Hudson and New York City.

Winter's Tale is dedicated to his father, a man with a photographic memory who worked for the U.S. secret service during World War II.

" 'Describe 17th Street,' they'd say," Helprin recounts, "and he would go down the street, house by house, street by street."

Helprin recreates Manhattan with almost the same density of texture. He has an anatomist's sense of the structure of the city — the beams of steel, the girders of bridges that leap the rivers, spangled with lights.

His passion for machines comes from his sense of what is just, what is right, what is exact — and what is God's design for the universe.

Mark Helprin

"You don't have any excuse with a machine," he says. "If you take it apart, it will not forgive you if you don't put it back together right.

"A machine is a concoction of physical laws. Nature is resident in the machines . . . there you have the hand of God."

He is delighted that his graduate studies at Columbia are highly quantitative, involving math and physics. He revels in the discipline — "it's a joy to sit down at the computer" — and is convinced that the discipline of dealing with the real world is necessary for writers.

His own imaginative writing is done in intensive stretches that have "an aura of hypnotic concentration" and that leave him exhausted.

In Winter's Tale, the result is a novel that reverberates with symbols and archetypes, all controlled by Helprin's narrative sense and verbal skill.

At its centre is Peter Lake, foundling, master mechanic and burglar, who is killed and then resurrected a century later to a city that is itself about to be reborn in fire and cloud.

Reading the novel, one thinks of the Jewish legend that the world at any one time rests on the shoulders of 36 just men — men who themselves do not know that they are "the just." As one dies, another is born to take his place.

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No fear of being bored

Football, film festival, fiesta keep Miami humming

By JAMES MONTAGNES

MIAMI —

There is always something going on in the Miami area — in sports, culture, history and entertainment. Visitors trying to escape from Canadian winter need not fear boredom — not in the Greater Miami area.

Here are some of the major events this season:

The 50th annual Orange Bowl Festival is from Dec. 17 to Feb. 4, with sporting events, outdoor fiesta, marathon, a King Orange Jamboree Parade on New Year's Eve, and the Orange Bowl Football Classic on Monday, Jan. 2.

From Dec. 18 to 26 the Orange Bowl International Junior Tennis Championships will be held for top-ranking juniors, under 18 years, from more than 30 nations. They will compete for singles at Flamingo Park, and there will be no admission fee for spectators.

The 6th annual Art Deco Weekend is planned from Jan. 13 to 15, featuring Miami Beach's Art Deco history. There will be tours, exhibits, concerts, and antique fairs recalling the 1930s period of the area's development.

A film festival is slated for Feb. 3 to 12 in the downtown Gusman Cultural Centre. International film people, including stars, directors and producers, are expected for this first film festival.

One of the largest outdoor shows in the United States will be held from Feb. 18 to 20 — the 21st Coconut Grove Art Festival. The show attracts some 750,000 people each year and features nearly 300 artists and artisans. Planned is a special area devoted to foods.

The site is Coconut Grove on Biscayne Bay.

A week earlier there will be an Outdoor Festival of the Arts, Feb. 11 and 12, outside the Miami Convention Centre. It is free.

The Precious Legacy exhibit at the Bass Museum of Art on Collins Ave., runs from Jan. 24 to March 18 — a showing of Jewish religious artifacts from central Europe, a portion of the vast collection of Czechoslovakian State Jewish Museum of Prague.

In addition there will be horse races, dog races, jai- alai games, and golf events at some of the city's 11 golf courses.

Ami Federmann, left, with cousin Mickey.

Founders of hotel chain turn reins over to sons

By BARUCH SAVILLE

TEL AVIV —

The Israeli Dan Hotels Group which operates seven first-class hotels spread around the country celebrated its 30th anniversary last month.

For those who have visited Israel, the chances are that, at one time or another, they stayed at one of the Dan's 5-star hotels or the Lagoona Eilat, a 4-star hotel managed by Dan.

It was the foresight and daring of two brothers — refugees from Hitler's Germany — which led to the creation of the Dan Hotels Group.

Yekutiel and Samuel Federmann can claim to be the founders of Israel's hotel industry. Almost before the War of Independence was over, they realized the potential of Israel as one of the world's major tourism destinations — for Jews, at least.

Taking over the small, 22-room Kaete Dan on Tel Aviv's Hayarkon St. the Federmanns in 1933, opened the Tel Aviv Dan, which today offers 308 rooms in a spacious setting facing the Mediterranean.

Instant success led to the opening of the Dan Herzlia in 1956 and in 1957, the prestigious Jerusalem King David was incorporated into the chain. Later, the Haifa Dan Carmel was opened while the Dan Caesarea golf hotel was taken over, as was the Dan Netanya.

To mark the 30th birthday of the chain, the Federmanns have handed over the reigns to their sons.

Sam's son Ami, 36, is now general manager of the entire chain, while Mickey, Yekutiel's son, is chairman of Dan Group Enterprises, which, apart from the hotels, includes numerous industrial enterprises both in Israel and other countries.

Both men have worked closely with their fathers and Ami studied hotel management in Switzerland and England.

Now, with youth at the helm, the Dan Group is expanding. Already under way is the Panorama apartment-hotel and shopping centre complex in Haifa; turning the Dan Caesarea into an American - style health farm hotel; a super health club in Tel Aviv with indoor pool; extensions to the King David; and plans for a 5-star property in Eilat.

In addition to expansion on the domestic scene, negotiations are in an advanced stage for the Dan Group to take over management of hotels in the U.S. and Europe which will bear the Dan name.

Skiers lured to Ontario resorts

TORONTO —

For a province that can't claim peaks like the mighty Rockies, or the towering Alps, Ontario still provides excellent downhill skiing.

There are more than 80 resorts offering the sport on an organized basis and with private clubs, the number tops 100.

Most resorts are close to major population centres and more than 20 ski centres lie just over an hour's drive from Metro Toronto.

There are the six resorts of the Huronia snow belt near Barrie, as well as others on the rolling hills of Caledon, Milton, Bolton and the Kawarthas.

Collingwood, on the south shore of Georgian Bay, has one of Ontario's largest downhill resorts, Blue Mountain, with its galaxy of trails, lifts, base lodges, bars, night clubs and reataurants.

To the "big Blue's" southwest, there are the smaller centres of the picturesque Beaver Valley.

Another cluster of peaks, including several as high as Blue Mountain, are near Ottawa.

Just above Georgian Bay and the North Channel, there are 20 more centres scattered around the communities of Sault Ste. Marie, North Bay and Mattawa.

On the far west shore of Lake Superior, near Thunder Bay, there are six centres within a few minutes drive of each other that make up Ski Thunder.

Ontario slopes aren't only bustling during the day. At least three of Thunder Bay's big peaks boast lighted courses, as do a good selection of other resorts across the province.

There's Glen Eden, at Milton, just west of Toronto, Ottawa's Ann Heggtveit Ski Hill, Brampton's Mount Chinguacousy, Kitchener's Chicopee Club and Kimberley's Talisman, to name just a few.

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Travel

Miami Beach still the gateway to Florida's delights

By JAMES MONTAGNES

MIAMI BEACH — This resort city with its numerous holiday attractions is also the gateway to other parts of southern and central Florida. Its geography makes it an ideal base from which to launch day trips to numerous attractions.

There is, for example, Palm Beach, the legendary winter haunt of the wealthy. This little town — it is not so little any more — has been able to protect the privacy of its residents, while making available accommodations and shops along its famous Worth Ave. Palm Beach is an easy drive on Interstate 95 north, or at a more leisurely pace via Highway US 1 and the coastal road Florida A1A.

Along its shopping streets you'll find numerous Rolls Royces parked at the curb or driving by.

You can catch a glimpse of the jet set people strolling or shopping in exclusive boutiques. There are numerous fine restaurants for luncheon, and prices are not all of the jet set category, but moderate.

And if you like the looks of the area and want to come back to stay sometime, have a look now at the new West Palm Beach camp ground opened this season at Lion County Safari. When completed it will have 611 campsites on the 72-acre property with a gas-heated swimming pool and many amenities.

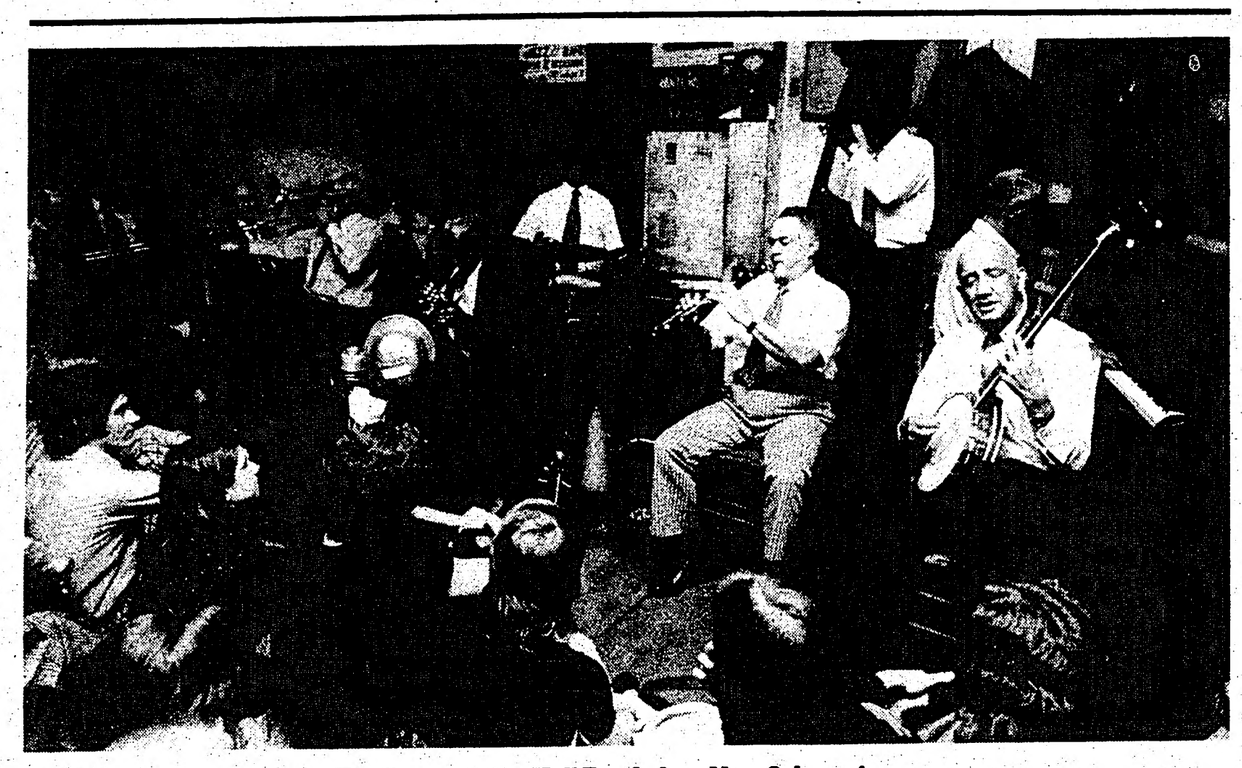
Within minutes of Miami Beach's ocean front resorts, you can embark on a day's hunt for big game fish — even the blue marlin. There is always a chance the waters off the city will yield one of these magnificent fighting fish. You'll enjoy the outdoor adventure and the thrill of the chase.

When the marlin is hooked and jumps from the water, it is the thrill of a lifetime — even if you have caught other game fish.

You'll be able to charter a boat through your hotel bell captain or from any of the charter operators near the Miami Beach piers. Most all-day charter craft have space for about six people, supply fishing gear and sometimes lunch and refreshments. Charter captains set their own rates, averaging about US$50 per person for the day.

A couple of little islands off the west coast, Sanibel and Captiva, used to be all but deserted except for a handful of shell collectors who knew a bonanza when they came across it. Today the remote, beautiful islands are becoming very popular for the long stretches of clean beach and alluring scenery, let alone the chance to find some unusual shells. You'll want to be a beachcomber for weeks!

It is just about two hours by car from Miami Beach via Highway 1 or State Road 84 to Naples and then north to Fort Myers. There is a US$3 causeway toll to the islands across San Carlos Bay. You can also fly there by a commuter airline, which occasionally has special return flights from Miami Beach for US$50.



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Jazz king in New Orleans

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

NEW ORLEANS — Jazz may well be the opiate of this river-front city.

Some of the greatest names in jazz, musicians like Buddy Bolden, Louis Armstrong and King Oliver, began their careers in New Orleans.

More than 90 years after this art form was pioneered by Black Americans, it lives on in New Orleans, vigorously and resplendently.

Strangely enough, jazz was shunned at first. But it became popular in the fulness of time, and spread to cities like Chicago, Kansas City and New York.

Springing from Black work songs, field shouts, hymns and Negro spirituals, jazz caught on because it was spontaneous, emotional and improvisational.

Practically every tourist who goes to New Orleans' French Quarter today invariably heads to Bourbon St. — the supposed mecca of jazz. But, in this traveler's opinion, Bourbon St. is too commercial, and shabby as well.

If you're looking for an evening of genuine entertainment, you can't go wrong by trying fabled Preservation Hall, at 726 St. Peter, in the heart of the French Quarter.

Art dealer Larry Borenstein founded the centre in 1961 as an open rehearsal hall for a recording venture. Gradually, under the proprietorship of Sandra and Allan Jaffe, the plain, dingy room with wooden benches and an electric atmosphere was transformed into a meeting place for traditional New Orleans jazz.

With their saxophones, trumpets, trombones and drums, men like Willie Humphrey, Sheikh Robinson and Kid Thomas enlivened Preservation Hall over the years.

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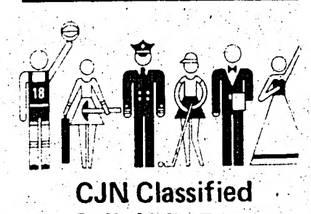
What better way to end a visit to New Orleans than by immersing yourself in the luxuriant sounds of the master, Peter Fountain?



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Travel

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MIAMI BEACH —
You might say you can't live with sun-drenched beach alone. For those who want to attend cultural events this warm weather resort area will have plenty to offer this season.

In January, for instance, the American Ballet Theatre with Baryshnikov will come to town, followed in February by the Paul Taylor Dance Company and the Dance Theatre of Harlem in March.

The Miami Opera Association performs regularly in the Dade County Auditorium and Miami Beach Theatre of the Performing Arts, presenting Turandot by Puccini in December, Lucia di Lammermoor from Jan. 16 to 18, and in February L'Amore dei tre Re, with Cosi fan Tutte in March.

The Miami Beach Symphony performs at the Theatre of the Performing Arts with seven concerts. World class orchestras will make their appearance throughout the winter including in January the Atlanta Symphony and the Chicago Symphony, in February the Brandenberg Ensemble and the Juilliard String Quartet. The winter season ends on April 3 with a performance by the St. Louis Symphony.

There will be an abundance of musical comedies and plays including A Funny Thing Happened On The Way to the Forum, Cat On A Hot Tin Roof, Arsenic and Old Lace and Life with Father. Neil Simon brings his Brighton Beach Memoirs to the Miami Beach Theatre on Dec. 20.

Miami Beach region's museums will have some special shows this winter. The inaugural exhibition at the Centre for the Fine Arts in the new Metro-Dade Cultural Centre will have a showing of over 200 paintings from 60 United States museums from Jan. 14 to April 22.

At the Bass Museum of Art there will be an exhibit of Judaica from Czechoslovakia from Jan. 24 to March 28. There will also be special showings at the Historical Museum of South Florida, the Lowe Art Museum, and the Metropolitan Museum and Art Centre.

More than 250 artists and craftsmen from all over the world will show their work at the Tenth Annual Miami Beach Outdoor Festival of the Arts Feb. 11 and 12. The show will be at the Convention Centre and will include photography, sculpture, culinary arts, painting and a children's corner.

Conch shell sounds call to feast

By
JAMES MONTAGNES

KAUAI, Hawaii —
I was carried back to ancient Hawaiian customs near here one evening when just before the dinner hour I heard the deep sound of the conch shell.

A native Hawaiian was blowing the big shell as dusk came, pointing first to the rising sun, then to the setting sun, then to the mountains and then the sea.

It was the ceremonial call to a feast, preceding the beating of drums made of coconut tree stumps and covered with shark skin. Then followed a ceremony of a canoe gliding over the small river with a lighted torch bearer, who stopped near the shore to light coconut oil lamps.

On this mountainous garden island the evening ceremony at the Coco Palms Resort is worth a visit. The complex is set in an ancient coconut grove where there are avenues of the stately trees. A section of the Wailua River, filled with lily pads, runs through the property. It is a historic spot, for legend has it that near here the first Hawaiians came from Tahiti hundreds of years ago.

Kauai is the fourth largest of the islands of the Hawaiian archipelago and is the huge remnant of a single extinct volcano. The island has more rainfall than other parts of the region, accounting for its lush vegetation and many waterfalls.

On Kauai is the closest rival to the Grand Canyon of Arizona. The Waimea Canyon is an enormous gorge a mile wide, 10 miles (16 kilometres) long and 3,657 feet (1,115 metres) deep. The multicolored lava rocks are constantly changing in shade as clouds and sun pass overhead.

There is a state park nearby with a wide assortment of trees and flowers of the area and picnic grounds.

On the island's west coast, near the canyon, are fine white sand beaches with towering cliffs. Along the north shore is Hanalei, once an important shipping port, now mainly a marina for dozens of large and small yachts.

The east coast has rivers and waterfalls, emptying into the Pacific Ocean. You can even take boat trips on the Wailua River to Fern Grotto, a cave with huge overhanging ferns, where sometimes visitors come to be married.

On the south shore this travel reporter had a chance to see a Japanese wedding ceremony being performed at Spouting Horn, a blowhole on the sea shore where the tides swept water through holes in the rock high into the air. Nearby at Waimea is Fort Elizabeth, built by a Russian about 1819, who tried to persuade the local chief of Kauai to help him conquer all the Hawaiian islands.

East of Oahu, the island on which Honolulu is located, are the smaller islands of Molokai and Lanai, the former with a small population and few resorts, but best known for its now long extinct leper colony. Molokai has some fine beaches without crowds, spectacular scenery, waterfalls and miles of unobstructed ocean views.

Lanai is one of the smallest of the Hawaiian islands and least visited. It was practically unknown to tourists until recent years, having a reputation among Hawaiians as the home of evil spirits.

But in 1922 it was bought by descendants of early missionaries for pineapple cultivation. Today it is popular with vacationers who like to climb its rugged interior, by beachcombers who like to look for shipwrecks, by hunters and game fishing buffs.

The days when whaling was big business in Hawaii can be recalled on the island of Maui, where at Lahaina is a one-time whalers' village, a long ocean-sided street with wooden-front shops, restaurants and today historic buildings.

The waterfront has a conglomeration of fishing boats for deepsea fishing, glass-bottomed boats for visits to nearby coral seabeds, and private yachts.

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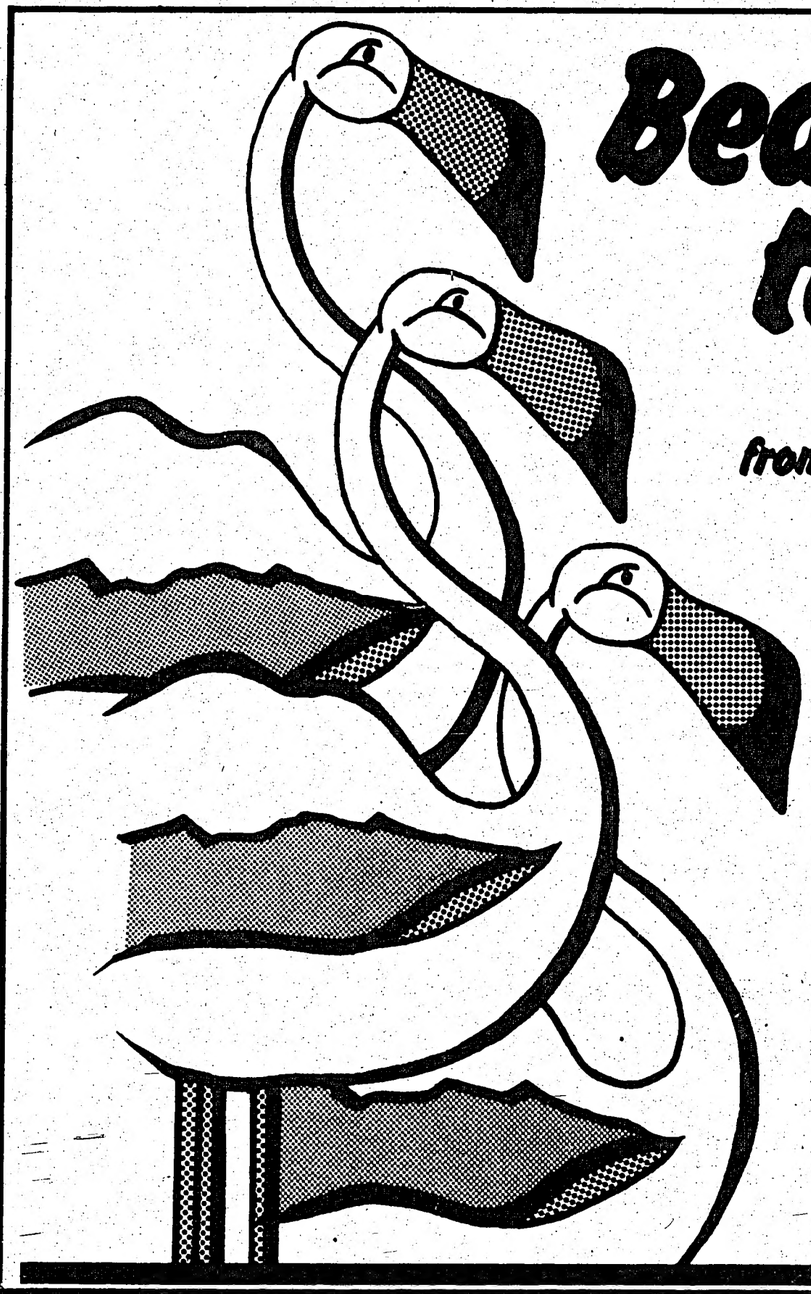
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Travel

Swiss develop snow fields to promote Alpine skiing

By
JAMES MONTAGNES

ZURICH —

From this largest city in Switzerland and the first stop for most Canadians traveling non-stop by air from Toronto or Montreal, it is but a few hours by electrified train, postal bus or car to some of the best skiing areas in Europe. From Zurich it is easy to reach the mountain ski areas of Arosa, Davos, Interlaken, St. Moritz, Grindelwald and many others.

From the alternative international airport for North American travel at Geneva, it is only two or three hours travel to ski slopes at Zermatt, Sass-Fee, Gstaad, Les Diablerts and others.

In Switzerland there is skiing from December until mid-April, while at resorts above 5,000 feet (1,525 metres) where there are aerial cable cars to higher altitudes, good skiing can last into mid-June.

If you are considering Switzerland for a ski vacation, you'll find there are numerous all-expense package trips available from one week to a month, with special rates for accommodations, ski lift fees, special transportation within Switzerland with a Eurailpass or Swiss Holiday Card, or half-fare travel card or senior citizens travel card.

There are even special car rental packages for the winter vacationer. (Your travel agent or the Swiss National Tourist Office at Toronto can give you information.)

Switzerland has done a great deal to promote alpine skiing and has opened up and developed large snowfields in the higher altitudes. This has resulted in increasing numbers of ski enthusiasts returning annually to their favorite resorts.

Many visitors from abroad even request the same room in their special hotel year after year, and some leave their winter sports equipment with the Swiss hotel for the next season.

Winter visitors account for about 40% of the country's tourists.

There are now close to 165 ski schools in Switzerland with some 2,500 ski instructors. They give half-day ski lessons to beginners and advanced skiers. The schools claim they can teach beginners the rudiments of skiing in 12 or more hours.

There is a growing demand for activity holidays during the winter months. After completing a ski run many people like some physical movement in the afternoon or evening. The growth of cross-country skiing shows that even enthusiastic downhill skiers often like to switch to just following a trail through the woods on skis.

Cross-country skiing is for all ages. Trails at Swiss resorts now range from four to 12 miles (6.5 to 19 kilometres) in length. The best known and oldest ski trail is at Einsiedeln in Canton Schwys. Cross-country trails are clearly marked.

There are schools for teaching cross-country skiing at Engelberg, Lent and Alt St. Johann. Some 350 Swiss winter resorts have cross-country ski facilities.

Swiss resorts also provide footpaths for just plain walking in the soft snow through mountainside forests. A number have riding stables where horses can be rented for relaxing horseback riding or even horse racing. Arosa and St. Moritz have winter horse races on snow-covered tracks.

At Gstaad and a few other winter resorts there are winter horse jumping shows. At Davos, for instance, international horse jumping events take place on the natural ice rink, which is first covered with snow.

Curling is a growing popular sport in Switzerland. Ice skating is on natural ice rinks or on artificial ice rinks when there are sudden spells of warm weather. There are close to 100 artificial ice rinks. And for those who want swimming, there are indoor pools, saunas and fitness centres.

Switzerland is a small mountainous country of 15,944 square miles (41,294) square km). It occupies only one-half of 1% of Europe's total area. Compared to Canadian space that is equal to the combined area of Lakes Ontario and Erie, or half of Lake Superior, or just a bit smaller than the province of Nova Scotia.

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Eilat sheds "fly-blown" image for tourist spot

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

EILAT, Israel —

"Eilat was really the end of the world," sighs Rina Maor, recalling the days not too long ago when this Red Sea port was a fly-blown village with few facilities for tourists.

Today Eilat is a growing town with a promising future in tourism, says Maor, the director of the local Israel Government Tourist Office.

Consider its progress.

Eilat has 30 hotels, with 3,300 rooms. Within 12 months, three more will be built. The Dan and Canadian Pacific hotel chains have expressed an interest in building two 5-star hotels. At present, the sumptuous Aviya Sonesta is Eilat's only 5-star hostelry.

In 1967, Eilat had six hotels, with 500 rooms.

Back then, 3,000 persons lived in Eilat, Israel's lifeline to the Orient and Africa. Now Eilat has 20,000 residents, one-third of whom are engaged, in one way or the other, in tourism.

Prior to 1970, it took eight hours to drive down to Eilat via the Mahktesh Ramon crater. Now, from Tel Aviv, you can make it in about four hours.

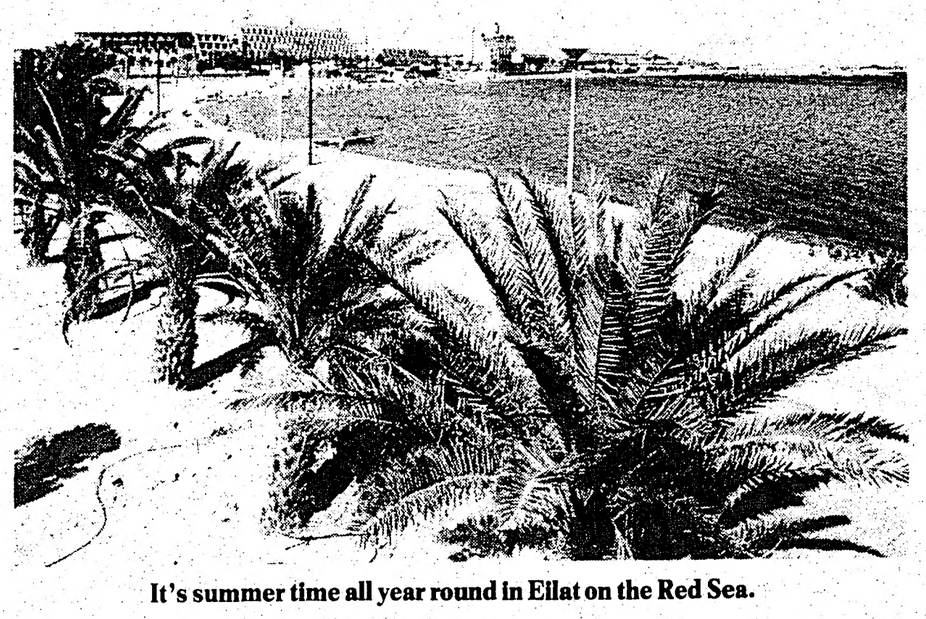
Last year, tourism generated $100 million in revenue. On the eve of the Six Day War, it was almost negligible.

Eilat's perfect winter weather has a lot to do with its success as a tourist destination. But what really launched Eilat into the orbit of international travel was probably the 1967 Arab-Israeli war, Maor says.

After Israel wrested the ruggedly beautiful Sinai Peninsula from Egypt, hundreds of thousands of Israelis began to use Eilat as a launching pad from which to tour Sinai.

Foreigners flocked down to Eilat as well.

Eilat's prosperity did not collapse after Israel's final withdrawal from Sinai in April of 1982. Tourists still begin their Sinai tours in Eilat. And Eilat, on its own terms, is worth a visit.



It's summer time all year round in Eilat on the Red Sea.

When it is cool in Tel Aviv or Jerusalem, it is pleasantly warm in Eilat. In January, when Israelis up north are wearing sweaters or jackets, Eilatis frolick in its turquoise - purple - blue waters.

Coral World may be Eilat's leading attraction. Reportedly one of only four undersea observatories of its kind in the world, it is a place that continually delights and amazes adults and children alike.

You can walk 18 feet down a spiral staircase and gaze through a window at the coral reef, with its rich, colorful variety of fish and plants. You can also enjoy the marine museum, or wander over to the pools, with their sea turtles, stingrays and sharks.

If you like the feel of a cruise, you can hop aboard the Dan, an 88-feet long, 80-ton Baltic trader schooner which offers cruises to Coral Island, a Crusader fortress 12 kilometres south of Eilat.

Before Saladin conquered the tiny island in 1170, the Crusaders sailed from it to attack Arab ships in the Red Sea. Centuries later, the Mamelucks and the Turks fortified the granite rock isle, 300 metres off the Sinai mainland. When Israel captured it in the Six Day War, the island was deserted, the fortress a ruin.

You can't set foot on the island, since it is Egyptian territory. But you can swim in the clear, warm waters around it.

The proprietors of the Dan, Charles and Diane Gurland, are a South African couple who've lived in Israel for several years. They charge $25 for the 4-hour cruise, which includes swimming, snorkeling, surfing and lunch. The cruise is part of a total package if you fly to Eilat with Arkia, Israel's internal carrier.

For a change of pace, you would be advised to get acquainted with the Timna Valley, a few kilometres north of Eilat.

There are exquisite rock formations in this nature reserve — Solomon's Pillars and The Mushroom, to name but two — and the remains of 6,000-year-old copper mines.

The flora and fauna are incredible. Forty-five species of reptiles, and 55 varieties of birds, are at home here. In the park are many of the 1,200 types of plants which are indigenous to the Negev Desert.

According to Maor, four companies in Eilat provide nature tours of the surrounding region.

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Having lived in Eilat for 11 years, she has been a witness to the town's substantial growth. And while she is proud of the developments, she believes there is room for improvement.

Eilat, she says flatly, is short of beaches. Three out of 12 kilometres of beach front are allocated to tourism, with the balance being used by the port, the navy, the power station, and the oil pipeline.

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Susan Karol and Alex Strasser, co-owners of Phantom Industries Inc.

Hosiery manufacturer has come a long way

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —
The new $6 million factory that Phantom Industries recently completed at 207 Weston Rd. is nothing like the Spadina Ave. shops so common to the garment industry in the 1920s.

For that matter, it's also a far cry from the 2-room, 2,300 square-foot loft about the size of a couple of ping-pong tables where Alex Strasser and his sister, Susan Karol, started the family business in 1956 with a capital of $50,000.

"We had a total of five employees, counting Susan and myself, and we called it Susan Hosiery," Strasser was recalling last week. "Boy, what a difference today!"

With a staff of close to 300 distributing their products to 2,200 retailers across Canada, Strasser, the 50-year-old chief executive officer of Phantom Industries Inc., one of Canada's largest women's hosiery manufacturers and avant-garde sportswear companies, has every reason to feel that his establishment has made nice headway.

The slim, gray-haired, textile engineering graduate was reminiscing about the family's industrial progress the other day while preparing for the cocktail reception celebrating the company's move into its new home.

More than 800 people are expected to attend the reception which will be held Dec. 13 at the company's new 130,000-square foot headquarters on Weston, south of Rogers Rd. Mayor Art Eggleton and Metro Chairman Paul Godfrey will officiate at the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

Strasser says the air-conditioned factory, containing highly sophisticated machines and an IBM System 38 to control production, ranks as one of the most modern plants of its kind in North America.

Strasser stresses that it's a family enterprise whose success is based on close teamwork. He handles the financial and business administration aspects. His 53-year-old sister channels her considerable energy and talent in design, fashion styling, merchandising and promotion.

Their 76-year-old mother, Helen, who helped her late husband, Samuel, operate a hosiery distribution company in Tel Aviv, also is an active co-owner. She still comes to the plant every day to share her expertise and enjoys lending a hand at the panty-hose packaging assembly line.

Hosiery comprises about 50% of its business nowadays, Strasser says. Company products include Gymkin exercise outfits, Lifestyle swimwear and Vive active sportswear.

And continuing the family tradition, Strasser's sons, Jay, 24, and Ronnie, 21, have recently joined the firm in technical and managerial positions.

"With our new streamlined equipment, we expect to double our sales within the next three years," says Strasser, "and that's no phantom mirage."

Feeling achy—here's mud in your eye

Dead Sea product on shelves

by
TAMMY KAROL

TORONTO —
Bath Salts and black mud extracted from the Dead Sea are now available in 107 health food and drug stores in Toronto. Manufacturer of the products is the Jericho Company near Hadera and the Canadian distributor is Maurice Doron, of Nature's Own Cosmetic Co., in Downsview.

The Israeli goods have been on the Canadian market for the past four months and are also being sold in Scandinavian countries, other parts of Europe and in the U.S.

According to the manufacturer, "the combination of natural minerals in the Dead Sea salts helps and eases general body tension, arthritic, rheumatic, joint and muscle pains, and also provides relief from uncomfortable skin disorders such as psoriasis and eczema."

The Dead Sea is the lowest spot on earth (400 metres below sea level) and its salinity is 10 times greater than that of the open seas.

The black mud is recommended in full body treatment or local areas for acne, scalp, joint and muscle aches, athletes foot and oily skin. Bath salts are recommended for relieving aching joints and muscles caused by arthritis, rheumatism, lumbago, back pains and similar joint ailments.

According to the local distributor, the black mud and bath salts are most effective when used together — applying the mud first and then bathing in the salts.

A 1.5-kilo container of the salts costs $8.95 and a 450-gram of mud sells at $17.85. Facilities carrying the products include the north and Bloor branches of the Jewish Community Centre, Sheppard Pharmacy and the Shoppers Drug Mart at Bathurst and Steeles.

Morris Hirsh, a 30-year-old Jerusalemite started the Jericho company three years ago because, he said, the mud and bath salts had "wondrous" effects on him.

In 1980 he was wounded in an army accident in Lebanon and couldn't move his leg until he took several half-hour baths in the mud and salts.

"I want the products to help other people the way they helped me," Hirsh said during a recent visit here to promote his products.

In addition to the mud and salts, the Jericho Company makes Dead Sea mineral soap made of dry salt and suited for dry skin, as well as Dead Sea clay soap, made of mud and suited for oily skin. The soaps are $3.15 a bar and are also available from the Canadian distributor.

In the future, the Israel manufacturer plans to produce a shampoo with Dead Sea minerals and he wants to develop a moisturizer to be used after the mud treatment.

According to the distributor, Toronto stores have already bought some 14,000 pounds of the bath salts and 3,000 pounds of the Dead Sea black mud. For more information contact Nature's Own Cosmetic Co. at (416) 661-8111.

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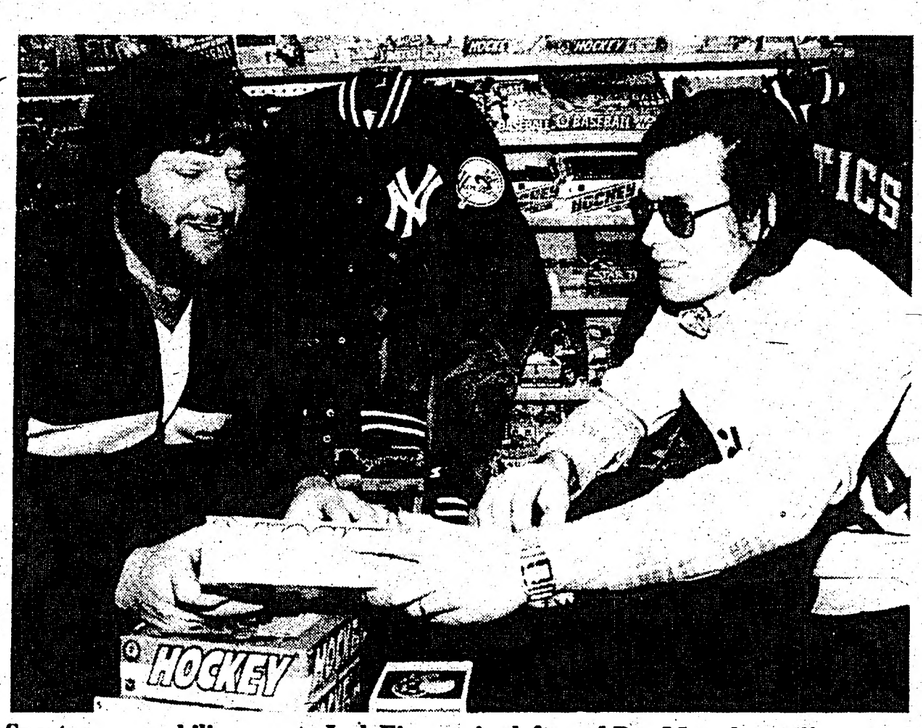
Collectors pay cold cash for hot cards

Shortstop's picture worth more than his salary

sports scene

By GARY COHEN



Sports memorabilia experts Jack Eisenstein, left, and Ray May show off some of their wares. [Ronny Shinder photo]

John Peter [Honus] Wagner is generally regarded by most students of the diamond as the finest shortstop to ever play the game of baseball.

When Wagner hung up his cleats at the end of the 1917 season — he spent his entire 18-year major league career with the Pittsburgh Pirates — he led the National League list in games, at-bats, runs, hits, singles, doubles and triples (252 — a record he still holds).

Reputed to be a superb fielder, Wagner was a lifetime .329 hitter whose 101 career homers ranked only behind the 103 hit by Dan Brouthers and Hugh Duffy during the dead ball era.

At the height of his career, Honus Wagner never earned more than $10,000 a season.

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In fact, Jack Eisenstein, 33, and Ray May, 29, are a pair of sports memorabilia experts who might be willing to produce that stack of greenbacks — if Wagner's face appears on a mint-condition baseball card issued in packs of cigarettes during his rookie year in the majors.

Eisenstein and May are compulsive collectors — both agree "it's like fighting with your wife, you don't want to but sometimes you've got to" — who have turned their combined interests into a business venture that is like a trip to the carnival for sports and nostalgia buffs.

Sports Connection/Comics Unlimited (Nortown Plaza, Bathurst & Eglinton), as the name suggests, is a collaborative hybrid that one year ago developed out of May's classic comic book store of the same name and Eisenstein's love of sports and valuable sport relics and oddities.

The store is a real potpourri, as are the people who visit it. In one afternoon patrons included several groups of teen-age boys, a university student, a casual 30ish passerby and a bank manager.

And the most interesting buyer never even walked into the store. He was a Seattle businessman who made a 20-minute trans-continental call in the middle of a weekday in search of several plastic hockey coins — probably someone May labels a "completionist" because they are compelled to finish off the set they're working on . . . and the next one and then the next.

At the back of the shop is a large assortment of classic comic books. Towards the front, a rack of media guides and programs representing various clubs and years is set behind a multicolored display of unopened sports and non-sports bubble gum card packs that cost from loose change to several dollars.

In the display case and behind the counter, Wayne Gretzky, Steve Rogers, Marcel Pronovost, Norm Ullman and Reggie Jackson peer at you from inside transparent plastic chips and marbles or from the face of Pepsi caps, plastic cups, cards, stickers and labels.

An autographed Reggie Jackson print sells for $300, a 60s Leaf team set of plastic marbles (they came in Post cereal boxes) retails at $50, complete recent sets of hockey cards range from $12 up to $38, and a 1933 baseball card wrapper — "something you think of throwing away," May says — is an expensive piece of litter at $30.

Much of the fun and speculation of collecting lies in unopened packs, May says. The store stocks sealed sports card packs from various years which vary in price, depending on what you may find inside.

A single pack, depending on the type and year may sell for hundreds of dollars. For example, Wayne Gretzky's 1979-80 rookie card goes for about $10-12 so packs from that year may be worth somewhat more. And Mickey Mantle's rookie card in top condition may be worth up to $1,200 — so figure it out.

Although some of the non-sports cards are valuable — a set of Elvis cards sells for $225 — Eisenstein and May agree that the demand for and value of sports cards is much greater. And among sports cards baseball, which appeals best to the huge U.S. market, is king.

"It's fun," May says of his hobby business. "It doesn't seem right to make money from something you love. For me, the basis of the hobby is nostalgia — not making a huge profit."

"I always loved sports," Eisenstein admits, "and I collected as a kid. Much of the stuff I have relates to my childhood, but it's things I mostly recollected.

"I really got into this business when I realized I could find things I thought were impossible to find."

In this spirit, Eisenstein and May search for the ultimate collectors' experience — to uncover and own a flawless $1,200 Mantle rookie card or a New York Yankee World Series ring valued at $6,500. Or a $7,000 1952 Topps set, the first and most expensive modern day issue of baseball cards — what Eisenstein calls the "sweetheart set" because it contains the first modern era cards produced of players like Mantle, Mays, DiMaggio, Paige, Spahn and Snider.

Or maybe a $19,000 Honus Wagner rookie card.

Eisenstein explains that Wagner's card is the priciest mostly because the superstar infielder didn't believe in smoking and refused to allow his picture to appear in the cigarette packs in which cards were distributed at the turn of the century. As a result, a very limited number of Wagner rookie cards were printed and Eisenstein estimates that only about 20 are still in existence.

Wagner's legendary status, the rarity of the card and its age make it a collector's dream.

"The hardest cards to find — the ones that are the most expensive — are the easiest to sell," Eisenstein says. "Give me a Mantle or Wagner in mint condition and I can sell it like that."

Obviously, for some people $19,000 isn't too much to pay for a private piece of an idyllic past — even if it only amounts to the picture of some mug who never earned more than $10,000 a year in his life.

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Gymnast Doron Kernerman of Toronto last week outduelled Daniel Fedder in a head-on competition here to earn the final spot on Canada's Maccabi Pan Am Games team which travels to Sao Paulo, Brazil on Dec. 23 for the week-long international meet.

Kernerman is the twelfth and final member of the contingent which will field athletes in swimming, track and field, shooting, table tennis, gymnastics and tennis at the Games.

Mark Berger of Winnipeg, a Maccabiah Games gold medalist and Canadian heavyweight judo champion, is a late scratch for the Sao Paulo meet. Maccabi Canada national athletic chairman Roy Salomon reports that Berger will instead be traveling to Marseilles, France later this month to train with the Canadian national team in preparation for the 1984 Olympic Games.

A replacement for Berger has yet to be announced, but Salomon said it will probably be a track and field athlete from Toronto. Ontario Maccabi officials met late last week to discuss the matter, according to Toronto representative Paul Brownstein, and were split on whether to replace Berger with anyone at all. The matter was handed back to the national executive for consideration.

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Goals by Michael Jordache and Issy Birman recently carried the Toronto Maccabi Soccer club to a 2-0 victory over Agincourt in the championship game of the Scarborough Fall League.

Playing at Newtonbrook Collegiate, Maccabi found the going easier against Agincourt than they had in facing their semi-final opponents Toronto Dominion Bank. In the semis, an overtime goal by Jordache proved to be the margin of victory in a 4-3 game played at Don Mills Collegiate.

Maccabi now goes into their winter training schedule at the Jewish Community Centre in preparation for indoor league play through the snowy months.

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A group of high-scoring lightweights, a breakthrough and a string of goose eggs provided the highlights last week in B'nai B'rith hockey league contests.

In B Division, Toronto Freedom Lodge Feathers skinned Manor Metropolitan Wolverines 16-4. Richard Cooper scored five times and set up three to pace the TFLers. Paul Rosen with a hat trick and six assists, and Stuart Yack with a pair and four assists were the other top Feather scorers.

Bob Traves was the only Wolverine to really show his teeth collecting three goals in the one-sided scoring marathon.

In A Division, Canyon Brokers finally found a way to win as they topped Canyon Satellites 3-1 for their first victory of the season. Paul Gruza netted a pair to lead Brokers.

In C Division, goaltenders shone as three of six games produced shutouts.

Rich Kruger scored two goals and added an assist, and goalie Mark Sherman blanketed the pipes as Mixed Marauders took a 4-0 bite out of Canyon Flying Bagels; goaler Larry Farkas got two goal, two assist support from Jeff Fleming to lift Toronto Freedom Miners to a 7-0 win over Maccabiah Bruins; and Shimmie Goldlust was perfect in the nets and Wilf Goldlust scored three as Don Mills Princes blanked Toronto Freedom Refiners 6-0.

Elsewhere in A Division, Fred Rubinoff scored the winner as Forrestdale Big Steel Man dumped Toronto Freedom Whalers 5-2; and Brian Sversky had a pair, Jay Bielweis netted the deciding marker and Alan Fogel scored all three of his team's goals in a losing cause in Toronto Freedom Team Mates' 4-3 win over Toronto Freedom North Stars.

In last week's only other B Division game, Jeff Zoltak's two goals lifted Forrestdale Flyers over Don Mills Axemen 3-1.

Elsewhere in C Division, Mike Glazer's second goal of the game with 37 seconds remaining on the clock took Toronto Freedom Ultis past Maccabiah Weiss Guys 3-2; Jay Charendoff counted the winning marker as Forrestdale Blades nipped Toronto Freedom Plumbers 3-2; and Plumbers bounced back behind a goal and an assist from Howie Gould to hand Maccabiah Bruins their second loss of the week 2-1.

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Cappell, Anne on November 21, 1983, late of 3560 Bathurst St.
Feldman, Bessie on November 18, 1983, late of 2700 Bathurst St. Apt. 504.
Goldstein, Sarah on November 23, 1983, late of 2603 Bathurst St., Apt. 610.
Kertesz, Laszlo on November 29, 1983, late of 115 Antibes Dr., Apt. 808.
Klopot, Joseph on November 29, 1983, late of 377 Ridelle Ave., Apt. 1814.
Levin, Max on November 24, 1983, late of 230 Carmichael Ave.
Mandel, Albert on November 19, 1983, late of 3000 Bathurst St., Apt. 1103.
Zender, Bessie on November 28, 1983, late of 120 Shelborne Ave., Apt. 1502.
Markovic, Fanny on November 22, 1983, late of 3560 Bathurst St.
Melodick, Mary on November 16, 1983, late of 6200 Bathurst St., Apt. 1009.
Nixzel, Annie on November 21, 1983, late of 25 Lynnhaven Rd.
Ohayon, Martine on November 27, 1983, late of 308 N. Havenhurst. Los Angeles, California.
Phillips, Paul on November 21, 1983, late of 1925 Steeles Ave. East.

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Rosencweig, Ida on November 27, 1983, late of 47 Danby Ave.
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Paula Greenberg on Nov. 26, 1983, late of #602, 3000 Bathurst St., Toronto, Ontario.
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By PATRICIA RUCKER

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Those most basic of democratic organizations — ratepayers' associations — are springing up almost as fast as the new houses.

"The first day we moved in," one new home owner in the Spring Farm development reported, "someone came to the door with the association bulletin!"

The eagerness to involve new neighbors is typical of the associations. Even the old guard are newcomers, and everyone is dealing with the problems of pioneering, from getting schools built within walking distance to getting garbage picked up on new streets.

Bernie Green, founding president (recently re-elected by acclamation) of the Spring Farm Ratepayers Association, recalls that discussions among neighbors got them started early in 1982.

"We had a common builder and common interests with regard to the municipality. We turned out a flyer, and collected about 50 people."

The association, which represents residents in Spring Farm, the largest single development in the area, still has a liaison committee with the builder, Runnymede, and one of Runnymede's executives was a speaker at its recent general meeting.

All of the associations work closely with the Town of Vaughan, putting the concerns of the new residents before the council.

Schools are a major issue. Joe Jonsson, president of the Westminster Green Association, west of Bathurst, believes that his association was "quite successful in getting Westminster public school built closer to the community's needs."

York Hill ratepayers Association is presently waging the same battle. It represents families on the east side of Bathurst, and, says Jerry Weiner, York Hill's former president, "a lot of our children are being bussed to various schools. Two children in the same family could be going to different schools."

Adding to the residents' concern is the death last year of a kindergarten child in a school bus accident.

As part of their efforts to push for the quick construction of a school in their area, association members are gathering statistics on the population and researching what York Region board of education requirements are for approving construction.

One of Spring Farm's major success stories came about as a result of a playground accident.

The accident could have been prevented, the association believed, if the equipment had been safer. With the aid of their councillor, David Chapley, they made their point not by complaining, but by working with John Bryant, a landscape architect for Vaughan's department of parks and recreation, to negotiate a redesign of the parkette. They even put a partial model of the design on display at the local library.

Another triumph, says Bernie Green, was getting twice-a-week garbage collection. "We explained to Vaughan that we have a lot of young families moving in," he says with a laugh, "and the disposable diapers had to be disposed of!"

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